

## Example of block quotation

### BLOCK QUOTES OF FOUR OR MORE LINES

When they are more than four lines, indent and block your quotes one inch from the left margin. Block quotations should be double-spaced (same as the text of your paper) but not enclosed in quotation marks.

The lengthy prayer with which Thomas Malory ends The Morte Darthur conveys what many would call the medieval period's central concern:

I pray you all gentlemen and gentlewomen that readeth this book of Arthur and his knights from the beginning to the ending, pray for me while I am alive that God send me good deliverance. And when I am dead, I pray you all pray for my soul even as you would pray for your own. (412)

#### Notice that:

1. Always use a colon at the end of the signal phrase.
2. Quotation marks are not used to open/close block quotes.
3. Block quotes are indented 10 spaces from the left margin. It is not acceptable for paragraph indentations and block quote indentations to match up, for the block quote indentation must be deeper.
4. Block quotes run flush to the right margin.
5. Punctuation goes at the end of the quote's final sentence, not after the page number.

THE CATCHER IN THE RYE (main character is Holden Caulfield)  
by J.D. Salinger

Where I want to start telling is the day I left Pencey Prep. Pencey Prep is this school that's in Agerstown, Pennsylvania. You probably heard of it. You've probably seen the ads, anyway. They advertise in about a thousand magazines, always showing some hotshot guy on a horse jumping over a fence. Like as if all you ever did at Pencey was play polo all the time. I never even once saw a horse anywhere near the place. And underneath the guy on the horse's picture, it always says: "Since 1888 we have been molding boys into splendid, clear-thinking young men." Strictly for the birds. They don't do any damn more molding at Pencey than they do at any other school. And I didn't know anybody there that was splendid and clear-thinking and all. Maybe two guys. If that many. And they probably came to Pencey that way.

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**Check the red print on the previous page of how to do a block quote.**

Block quoting is direct quoting, but its appearance is different from what you have done so far.

- 1) If you wrote a block quote for highlighted sentences above, it might look like this.

Holden Caulfield criticizes his former boarding school and the way its ads inaccurately represented the experience he had there:

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