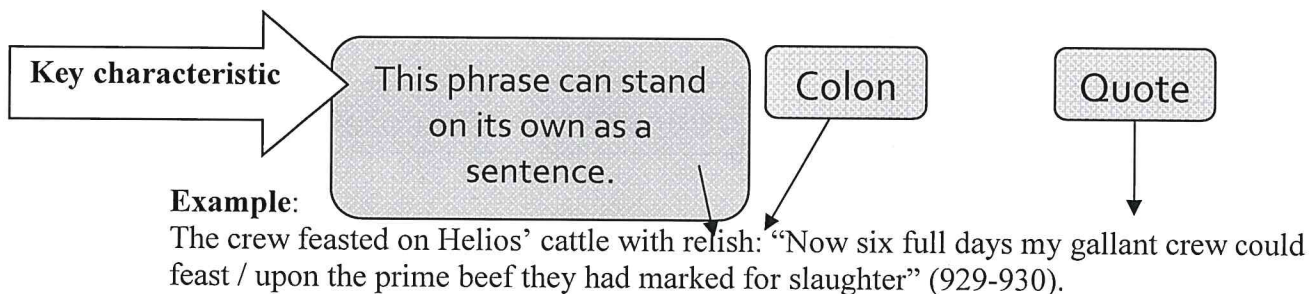


Three ways to write a quote into your text:

1. Using a colon – a dot over a dot → :

How to use it	Key Question
<p>Set up the quote and then present it as proof of what you have just said.</p> <p>Analogy: In court, a lawyer might make a statement, but to prove it, he points to the evidence, which supports and proves the statement he made.</p>	<p>Can the phrase before the quote stand on its own as a sentence?</p> <p>If yes, then put a colon before the quote.</p>



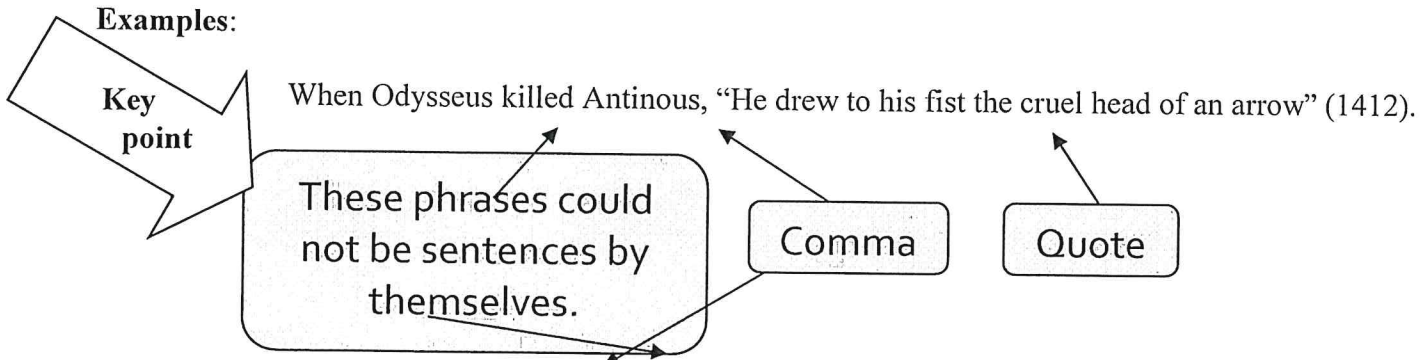
2. Using no punctuation

How to use it	Key Question
<p>You can mold the author's words in as if they are your own.</p> <p>In this case, you'll probably be summarizing or paraphrasing the story and at some point decide that the writer's words are better than yours – so you use them instead!</p>	<p>If you took away the quotation marks, would you put any punctuation in that spot?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If no, then you still don't need any.• Just let the quotation marks sit there to mark which words are not yours.

Example: After Odysseus' men were killed, he was left alone on the sea and began floating "north again, / straight for Charybdis" (965-966).

3. Using a comma

How to use it	Key Question
<ul style="list-style-type: none">You can introduce the quote with an introductory phrase that leads into the author's phrasing.Or, you can begin a sentence with a quote and attach a phrase at the end. <p>Analogy: This might feel like you are writing a piece of dialog for a story.</p>	<p>Can the phrase before (or after) the quote stand on its own as a sentence?</p> <p>If no, then lead into it or out of it with a comma.</p>



"Let me bring you a shield and spear," offers Telemachos to his battling father (1506).

But – how do I punctuate the end and the line or page number?

