using quotations in Essay 1

• Use direct quotations to make your story more memorable and more relatable to the reader.
• Incorporate, format, and analyze quotations from your interviews carefully.
• Introduce the interviewee in the lead up to the quotation or identify his or her last name in parentheses after the quotation.
• Remember to I C E: introduce, cite, and explain each quotation included.

formatting examples

I could see my aunt’s pride as she told me, “I had not expected your uncle to be a great man, but he proved me wrong. He was always there for me and our kids.”

or

Uncle John was not always certain about his career, and he told me, “I tried many jobs before joining the Navy in 1976; then I got travel to Japan” (Henderson).

the works cited page for Essay 1

• List all of your sources (people interviewed) on the works cited page.
• Alphabetize the entries by the last names of the people interviewed.
• The works cited page has a page number but is not counted as part of the essay’s four pages.

format

Last name of person interviewed, First name. Form of Interview. Date conducted.

Works Cited

