

# Quotations Explained

Writing about literature requires practice. When doing this assignment, keep in mind the need to support your thinking with examples from the text. Use the following example to help you complete this assignment. There is a blank template on page two.

Quotations Clarified	Qualities of a Good Quote
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A quote is any word, sentence, or passage taken from a text.</li> <li>• The words can be but are not necessarily spoken.</li> <li>• Whatever appears between quotation marks should be <i>exactly</i> what the text/person says.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is meaningful to you, the author, or the characters</li> <li>• It is about something important: an event, person, or idea.</li> <li>• You know you can write about it.</li> <li>• It invites/helps you make connections between the book and yourself.</li> </ul>

## Chapter 1

Quote	Questions (3-5)	Response/Significance
<p>“Pretty soon I wanted to smoke, and asked the widow to let me. But she wouldn’t. She said it was a mean practice and wasn’t clean... And she took snuff, too; of course, that was all right, because she done it herself” (1).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is it a big deal that Huck can’t smoke?</li> <li>• What’s up with the Widow Douglass taking snuff?</li> <li>• Why is it “a mean practice?”</li> </ul>	<p>Huck wants to smoke because that’s what he’s used to. He is mad because his freedom to do so has been taken away. When Huck reveals that the Widow uses tobacco, it introduces the theme of hypocrisy. She doesn’t want Huck to do it because she is religious and thinks it would be a sin for him to do so, pointing out an aspect of her personality/character. This makes me think of the religious hypocrites back home.</p>

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