

A Simple Strategy for Giving Credit to an Author

When giving credit to an author and article, mention who the writer is, what their article is, and what their position is and include what is called a “signal verb” to introduce the quote.

In the article “Palomar Is Great,” Paul Omar, a student at Palomar College states, “I love Palomar more than life itself.”

Notice that “states” was the verb used here.

You could also use “explains,” “claims,” “offers,” or many others, according to the included list or other lists, but you should choose a signal verb that is appropriate in the context.

The most important part here is giving credit to the author:

Now it’s your turn. In your group, find a quote from a real article on the internet. Make sure the quote comes from an article **with a title** and **with an author’s name**. Find out the title, the name of the article, what the author does, and your quote*. Then create the quote in the described format, like the example above.

*NOTE When using direct quotations to support a point, you should try to find a “golden line” where there is special significance in the way something is said or where the author has formed his or her idea so well that you cannot think of any better way to express it.