

Blended Evidence

MINI-LESSON RESOURCE

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of author **QUOTES**
within your own **SENTENCES.**

KERPLUNK!

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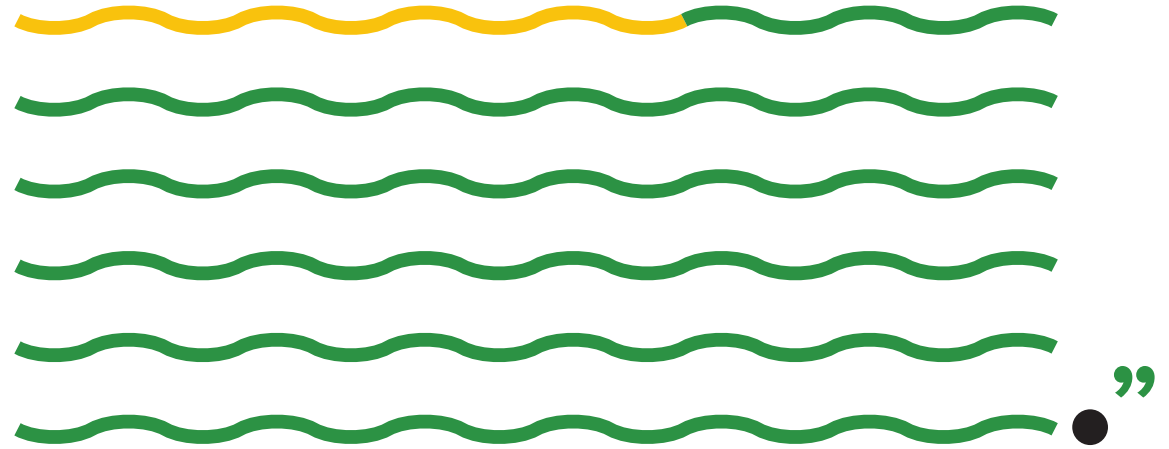
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What is a ***kerplunked*** quote?

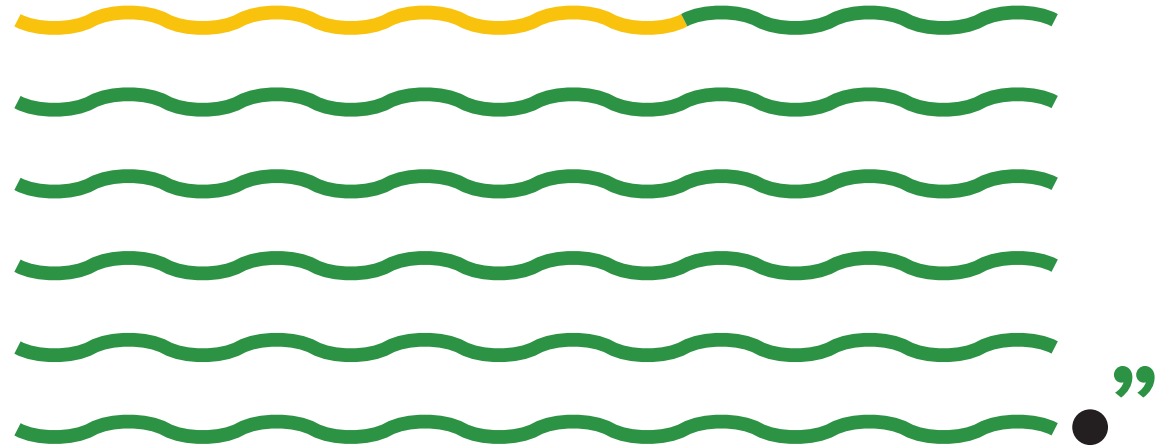
It's a stand-alone quote. It's when you drop (*KERPLUNK!*) an entire sentence into your writing (or worse—multiple sentences) with none of your own words in between.

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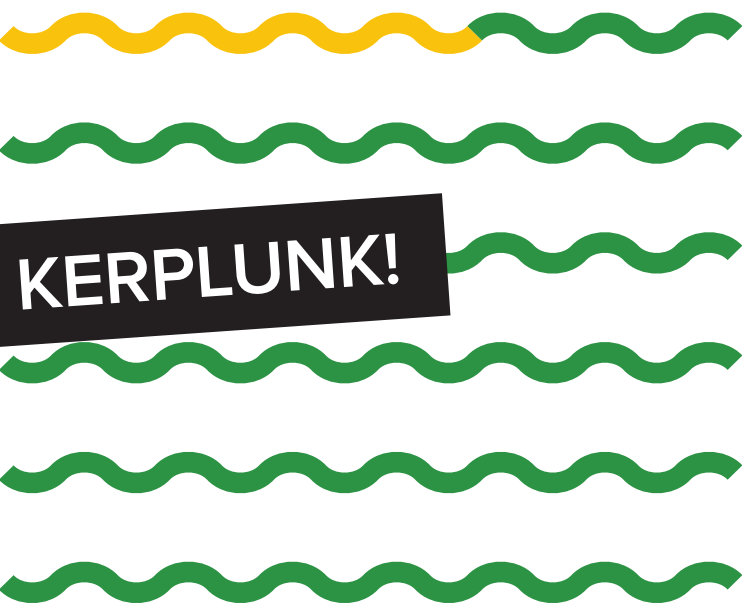
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Why is this a problem?

1. The **sentence style** (in the quote) is different than yours.
2. The quote seems **disconnected** from your thoughts.

Your sentences should **flow** with all of the **thoughts connected**.
It should all **sound like one person** wrote it.



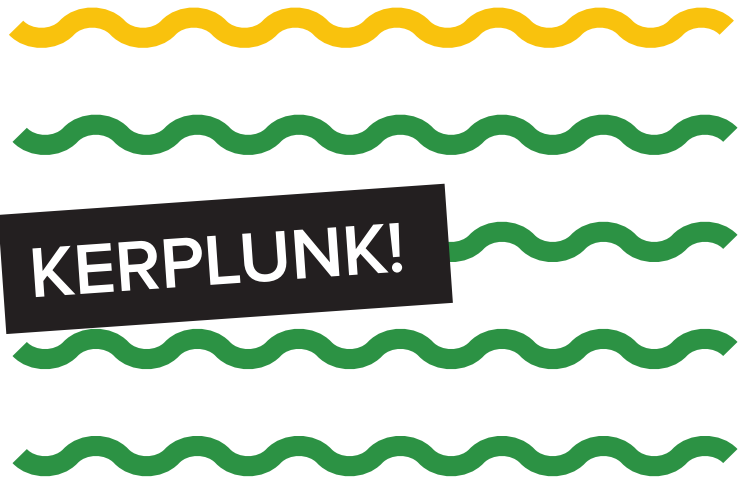
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Thoreau states, “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life.”



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Thoreau’s retreat to Walden Pond was motivated by his desire “to live deliberately” and to face only “the essential facts of life.”



Thoreau argues,
“Shams and delusions
are esteemed for
soundest truths, while
reality is fabulous.”



Thoreau argues that
people blindly accept
“shams and delusions”
as the “soundest
truths,” while regarding
reality as “fabulous.”

5 STEPS TO CREATE **BLENDED EVIDENCE**

- 1. READ** to determine the most important author words/phrases.
- 2. REMOVE** the original text.
- 3. SAY** or compose an oral sentence blending your words with the author's.
- 4. WRITE** out what you just said.
- 5. RETURN** to verify that the author's words have quotation marks.



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Taylor Swift posted, “No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind.”



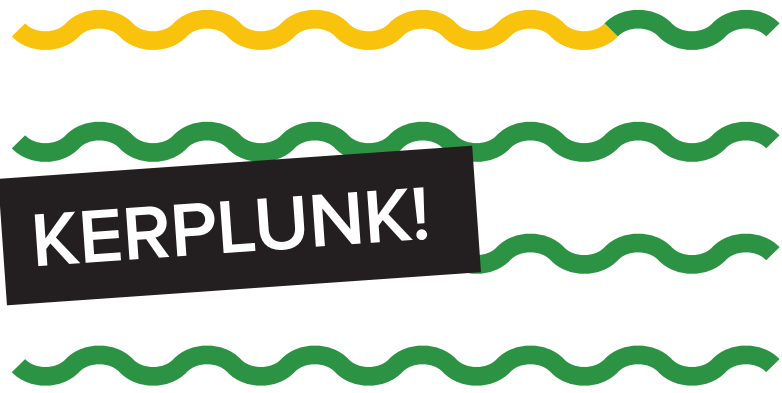
Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson stated, “Check your ego at the door. The ego can be the great success inhibitor. It can kill opportunities, and it can kill success.”





Michael Jordan described his career in his Hall of Fame address. “The game of basketball has been everything to me. My place of refuge, place I’ve always gone where I needed comfort and peace. It’s been the site of intense pain and the most intense feelings of joy and satisfaction. It’s a relationship that has evolved over time, given me the greatest respect and love for the game.”

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Thoreau asks, “Why should we live with such hurry and waste of life?”

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According to Thoreau,
“We do not ride on
the railroad; it rides
upon us.”

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