Term: “Blends”

**Definition**: A blend is an introductory phrase or dependant clause before a piece of evidence. The purpose of a blend is to more smoothly blend the evidence into the paragraph and to avoid dropping in quotes abruptly.

**Example**

“Baca states, ‘and let you warm yourself by this fire…’”

“Maya stated, ‘When I refused to be the child …’”

“As a result, ‘every one, as he is bound to preserve himself…’”

“Article 19 of the UDHR states, “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression…””

**Non-Example**

“Maya’s rape led to her deliberate silence. ‘When I refused to be the child …’”

“Every one, as he is bound to preserve himself…”

**Analysis**: These examples do not have any introductory phrases and are therefore less smoothly presented.