

Term: “Direct evidence is grammatically and correctly presented (ellipses, brackets)”

Definition:

Use a colon when introducing a quotation with a full independent clause (one that can stand on its own).

Emily feels frustrated by his response: “Is there someone else that we can talk to?”

Use an ellipsis (three periods with spaces between: ...) to indicate an omission in a quotation (though it is not necessary to use an ellipsis when omitting words at the beginning of a quote unless you are using a block quote format).

“The kind of intelligence a genius has ... leaps with ellipses.”

When you want to omit one or more full sentences, use a period and a space before the three ellipsis dots.

“Hatred paralyzes life. ... Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.”

Use square brackets to add a word, change a pronoun, or change a verb tense in the quote.

Original quote: “It’s my duty as a knight to sample all the peril I can.”

In your essay: Sir Galahad thinks “it’s [his] duty as a knight to sample all the peril [he] can.”