

For Dr. Harold William Halbert's English Courses
BLOCK QUOTE RULES (PROSE):

1. You can only block quote five or more lines of quoted text as measured by your own paragraph widths.
2. Indent the block quote one inch from the left margin.
3. Drop the quotation marks.
4. Signal phrase punctuation remains the same in terms of commas and colons: just because it's a long quote does not automatically require a colon.
5. The parenthetical citation goes AFTER the final punctuation.
6. Make sure that when you return to the discussion, you delete any tab that the computer might force on your text because you have not started a new paragraph.

SAMPLE WITHOUT BLOCK QUOTE (THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED):

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