

BLOCK QUOTES

Block Quote: a prose passage of more than **four lines** set apart from the body of the paper by **indenting five spaces** from the left-hand margin or using the **Tab key** once.

- Quotation marks are omitted.
- The period is placed after the passage before the in-text citation.
- If a quote is a continuation from the passage, do not introduce the quote with a colon.
- If the quote is a new paragraph, introduce it using a colon as shown in the following example.

Example:

In “Old Times on the Mississippi,” Mark Twain describes the river town he grew up in:

After all these years I can picture that old time to myself now, just as it was then: the white town drowsing in the sunshine of a summer’s morning; the streets empty, or pretty nearly so; one or two clerks sitting in front of the Water Street stores, with their splint-bottomed chairs tilted back against the Wall; a sow and litter of pigs loafing along the sidewalk; the great Mississippi, the majestic, the magnificent Mississippi, rolling its mile-wide tide along, shining in the sun. (239)

His description is so clear we almost seem to be standing beside him, remembering.