Remember that we must use evidence to support any claims (something that is not fact but an opinion that we’ve that we’re pretty sure is true) when we write. Sometimes evidence can be specific events from the text that we simply paraphrase. Other times, it is not possible or effective to paraphrase and we must you quote. In order to use quote effectively, we must remember to “sandwich” them.

1. Context--Make sure someone who hasn’t read the book knows enough about the the story that they can follow the quote. Is this the narrator or a character? Where and when is this? What is going on in the story at this point?
2. Quote--A quote doesn’t have to be dialogue but it does have to come word for word from the story. You cannot change anything and you must cite where the quote came from. This often means the author’s last name and page number.
3. Explain--Why is this quote important? How does it support your claim?

The following writing sample has had key pieces removed but has been color coded to help you identify what is missing. Use the key and the story “The Veldt” to finish the paragraph effectively.

Claim: green

Context: blue

Quote: pink

Explanation: yellow

The technology in the setting of “The Veldt” by Ray Bradbury has turned the children in the story, Wendy and Peter Hadley, into monsters who no longer love their parents. The story takes place in the future where the Hadley family lives in a house so technologically advanced that it can do everything for them--cook food, brush teeth, tie shoes. Wendy and Peter even have a nursery that is basically a virtual reality playroom capable of becoming any environment or creating any scenario they can imagine. However, because the technology can do so much, it has basically replaced Wendy and Peter’s parents, Lydia and George. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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