

Quotations Clarified

Reading Workshop/Burke

Writing about quotes from a text requires practice. When doing the following assignment, keep in mind the need to support your thinking with examples from the text. Please use the back when you run out of room on the front of this page. Find ONE quote from each chapter and, working with your partners, explain that quote using the following examples.

<p>Quotations Clarified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a quote is any word, sentence, or passage taken from a written text. • the words can be but are not necessarily spoken • whatever appears between quotations marks should be <i>exactly</i> what the text/person wrote or said. 	<p>Qualities of a Good Quote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is meaningful: to you, the author, or the characters • it is about something important: an event, person, idea • you know you can write about it • invites/helps you make connections between the book and yourself
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Quote	Questions	Response
<p>Write down the quote here.</p> <p>"I can change that. Can change it big. Better to put my time into that than moaning about the other all day. That little grammar-school girl showed me that." (page 16, "Wendell" from Seedfolks)</p>	<p>List 3-5 questions that will help you write well about the quote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can't he change---and why can't he change it? • Should he change it? If yes, what might happen? • What does he "moan" about? • How did Kim, the "grammar-school girl" show him this? 	<p>Use the questions to help you write about the quote here.</p> <p><i>This is an important moment for Gonzalo: he begins to look at the glass as "half-full" instead of half-empty. By this I mean he begins to focus on what he CAN do instead of what he can't do. I can't change the attitudes or mistakes others will make. Already we see what happens if you change things: Kim's seeds started chain reaction that is beginning to change the neighborhood and the people in it. She showed people--without meaning to or even realizing it--that anything is possible if you have courage.</i></p>