Tips for quoting:

1. Split the analysis and quote into two sentences…in other words, do not put a comma after the quote and try to squeeze your analysis into the same sentence as the quote.
   1. Ex: He proclaims to himself, “My thoughts be bloody or be nothing worth!” (4.4.68), signaling that he had become content with dying for what he put his faith in.
   2. Fix it: Ex: He proclaims to himself, “My thoughts be bloody or be nothing worth!” (4.4.68). Hamlet had become content with dying for what he put his faith in.
2. Don’t use Act and Scene descriptions to set up quotes…set up quotes with written descriptions.
   1. Ex: There was a misunderstanding in the Queen and Hamlet’s discussion in Act 3, Scene 4.
   2. There was a misunderstanding in the Queen and Hamlet’s discussion in the closet scene.
3. Set up the scene fully enough to give the quote context.
   1. Ex: During a conflict with Gertrude, Hamlet states, “A bloody deed! –almost as bad, good mother, / As kill a king and marry with his brother” (3.4.35-36).
4. Don’t refer to “the lines” or “this quote” in your intro or analysis
   1. Ex: The reason why I believe so is because of this quote: “….”
   2. Fix: The part that I think Hamlet turned crazy was when he was talking to his mother and killed Polonius: “…”