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## Practicing Quotations Handout

Please use this handout to help you to complete the following worksheets: Practicing Quotes Worksheet

### ***A Short Quotation:***

"... Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, ..." (Shakespeare 3).

A Short Quotation that is more than 1 line:

"... Rough winds do shake the darling buds of may, / And summer's lease hath all too short a date; ... (Shakespeare 3 - 4).

### ***A Long Quotation:***

"... But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,  
Nor shall death brag thou wand'rest in his shade, when in eternal lines to Time thou grow'st:  
So long as men can breath, or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and gives life to thee. " (Shakespeare 9 - 14).

### ***Ellipsis ... (Three dots and a space before the quote):***

This is a literary tool that poets / writers use to omit words from the text that is being quoted, or it can be used to indicate that you as the writer are quoting from a section from within a poem. Note: you do not have to use an ellipsis if you are quoting directly from the beginning of a poem, but will use one to end of your quote.

Example (please see the above examples as well)

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? ... " (1 Shakespeare).

### ***Slash /***

This is self explanatory. A slash is a slash /. It is used to indicate the next line of the poem that you are quoting. See the example of a short quotation that is more than 1 line. The slash should only be used if you are quoting 3 lines or less. It should not be used for 3 lines or more.

### ***Quotation Marks:***

Quotes should be enclosed within quotation marks.

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***Line numbers:***

When you have finished quoting your line (s) from the poem you must indicate the line number, this allows ease to the reader. There is no need to write anything more than the number of the line. Please see the examples mentioned previously for a complete understanding.

***Authors Name:***

The name of the author should be mentioned after you have ended the quote. This should appear in brackets along with the line number of the quote. Please note that it is only necessary to include the authors name in the first quote. If you are quoting the same poem you do not have to include the authors name at the end of the quote. Just the line number.

Introducing the quote:

Sometimes readers often get bored with writers continuing to introduce quotes by saying , 'the writer says'. So it is important to add some variety to your writing to keep the reader (your teacher) interested!

***Example:***

Shakespeare believes that love is eternal, he emphasizes this when he states ..."

Shakespeare argues that ...

or

Shakespeare believes that ...