

# 12. Quotations and Epigraphs

**12.1** Set long quotations (over two sentences or verse lines) as block quotations.

**12.2** Set short quotations between double quote marks. Periods and commas are inside the quote marks. Set quotations within quotations between single quote marks.

**12.3** Quotations that have been translated by the author to English should include the original in a footnote.

**12.4** Omissions by the author from citations are always signaled by an ellipsis between square brackets: [...]. Pertinent punctuation around the ellipsis is maintained to clarify what been excised:

*The enticing, tangy smell of the Blue Stilton reached Augustus's nostrils. If all went well today on the battlefield, he would reward himself with a large slice, that is, if his lover hadn't consumed the entire cheese by then.*

This original can be cited, for example, as follows :

"The enticing, tangy smell of the Blue Stilton reached Augustus's nostrils. [...] [H]e would reward himself with a large slice, that is, if his lover hadn't consumed the entire cheese by then."

"The enticing, tangy smell of the Blue Stilton reached Augustus's nostrils. If all went well today [...], he would reward himself with a large slice, that is, if his lover hadn't consumed the entire cheese by then."

"The [...] smell of the Blue Stilton reached Augustus's nostrils. If all went well today on the battlefield, he would reward himself with a large slice."

**12.5** When introducing quotations in running text, always use a comma and preserve the capitalization of the original.

As Lucretius writes, "When atoms move straight down through the void by their own weight, they deflect a bit in space at a quite uncertain time and in uncertain places, just enough that you could say that their motion has changed."

As Lucretius writes about atoms, "they deflect a bit in space at a quite uncertain time and in uncertain places, just enough that you could say that their motion has changed."

**12.6** When introducing block quotations, use a colon to introduce a quotation starting with a capital, and a comma to introduce a quotation starting mid-sentence.

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**12.7** Epigraphs are short citations heading a chapter or section. They should be formatted as a regular citation, followed by author name, properly formatted, book/article/chapter title, and a footnote providing the full reference.

"All good things come out of a cave." – Gilles Delounge, *Reflections on Plato and Cheese Plates*<sup>1</sup>

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