The Quote Sandwich

Trying to implement quotes into your writing? Use the quote sandwich method!

Introduce the Quote
Who is speaking? Set up what the quotation says (Graff et al. 51).
Example: The author states, "..." According to _____, "..."

State the Quote
Place the quote after the introduction with the proper punctuation.*
Example: The author states, "This shows a legitimate quote."
*See our "Quotation Marks" handout for more information on proper punctuation in quotes.

Explain the Quote
What does the quote mean? How does it support the main argument?
Example: The author states, "This shows a legitimate quote," which means...
According to _____, "...," emphasizing that...

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