**Writing a Good Lead-In for a Quotation**

***Directions:*** Write a strong lead-in that could introduce or integrate the following quotes, which might be used in a paragraph for the topic listed. Also write the correct MLA parenthetical in-text citation for the quote.

1. *Topic of paragraph:* The effects of multi-tasking homework with different media on academic success.

*Quote:* “Students often believe that they can listen to music, watch TV and/or communicate with friends online while doing school work without any detriment performance. […] Frequent multi-taskers reported paying less attention to lectures and performed more poorly than others.”

*Source:* Laura Bowman and Laura Levine; pg. 927

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1. *Topic of paragraph:* Human-animal conflict over territory and food sources.

*Quote:* “Extensive cultivation of sugarcane and mango can cause an escalated condition of man-animal conflict.”

*Source:* S. Vijayan; pg. 543

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1. *Topic of paragraph:* Genetic engineering and what it means.

*Quote:* “The term genetic engineering initially meant any of a wide range of techniques for the modification or manipulation of organisms through the processes of heredity and reproduction.”

*Source:* Britannica. com

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1. *Topic of paragraph:* Transportation in Medieval Times Europe.

*Quote:* “The most expensive and well-bred horses, destricters, were used by the noble lords and knights because they displayed a large amount of wealth and importance.”

*Source:* Hailey Prescott; pg. 10

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1. *Topic of paragraph:* The dangers of not getting enough sleep.

*Quote:* “Insufficient sleep is associated with a number of chronic diseases and conditions—such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and depression—which threaten our nation’s health.”

*Source:* M. Reite; no page number

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1. *Topic of paragraph:* The risks of listening to very loud music.

*Quote:* “Hearing loss can result from damage to structures and/or nerve fibers in the inner ear that respond to sound. This type of hearing loss, termed “noise-induced hearing loss,” is usually caused by exposure to excessively loud sounds and cannot be medically or surgically corrected.”

*Source:* F. H. Bess; no page number

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