

Example of one FULLY DEVELOPED Body paragraph for the Little Tree Essay #1 Assignment

Remember the two principles of using quotes for meaning and evidence:

BEFORE the quote: Set up the context (where it comes from) and what it will show

AFTER the quote: Clarify the meaning of the quote in terms of supporting your point.

Example paragraph:

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The same paragraph with its parts revealed:

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