# Punctuation When Citing Sources

Use the following examples to guide your use of punctuation when citing sources.

*For basic punctuation: note placement of period.*

“Henry Dobbins made the washing motion with his hands” (117).

*For question marks and exclamation, period at the end.*

“Treat them decent, you know?” (117).

*Quote illustrating set up/introduction/context*

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Quote illustrating separating quote into parts with just a word or two.

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*Changing cases or tense in a quote*

“ \_\_\_\_\_ run \_\_\_\_\_”

“\_\_\_\_\_ [ran] \_\_\_\_\_”

“\_\_\_\_\_ love \_\_\_\_\_”

“\_\_\_\_\_ lov[ed] \_\_\_\_\_”