

## Quoting from Sources

Sometimes paraphrasing cannot capture the unique phrasing of the source you're citing. Note the "flava" missing from the paraphrased lines below.

### "Thugz Mansion" by Tupac

A place to spend my quiet nights, time to unwind So much pressure in this life of mine, I cry at times	<i>Because of the stress in his life, Tupac wishes he could find a place to relax (lines 1-2).</i>
I once contemplated suicide, and woulda tried But when I held that 9, all I could see was my momma's eyes	<i>Once Tupac thought about shooting himself, but the thought of his mother's pain made him stop (3-4).</i>
No one knows my struggle, they only see the trouble Not knowin it's hard to carry on when no one loves you	<i>Feeling unloved and unmotivated, Tupac claims that people only see the trouble he makes, not the pain inside (5-6).</i>
Picture me inside the misery of poverty No man alive has ever witnessed struggles I survived	<i>Tupac asks the reader to imagine the terrible poverty he survived, something to which few others can relate (7-8).</i>
Prayin hard for better days, promise to hold on Me and my dawgs ain't have a choice but to roll on	<i>Faced with no other options, Tupac and his friends persevere through the tough times (9-10).</i>
We found a family spot to kick it Where we can drink liquor and no one bickers over tricks*** A spot where we can smoke in peace, and even though we G's We still visualize places that we can roll in peace	<i>Tupac reports that although he is a gangster, he imagines peace in the future; for now, however, he and his friends cope with their problems by hanging out together and socializing (11-14).</i>
And in my mind's eye I see this place, the players go in fast I got a spot for us all, so we can ball, at thug's mansion	<i>Tupac imagines creating a special place where all of his friends can congregate (15-16).</i>

Highlight the most novel or "special" phrases that you might decide are worthy of citation. Write a three-four sentence paragraph explicating this song, using one or two quoted phrases. For the parenthetical citations, use the word *line* in your first citation and then just the number(s) afterwards..

### Here's my example:

Like most people in the world, Tupac struggles with stress and wants to find ways to relieve the pressures of his life. He claims that the "misery of poverty" has driven him be a gangster (line 8), and that most people don't realize the inner pain he suffers: "No one knows my struggle, they only see the trouble" (6). He hopes that he and his "dawgs" (10) can find a special place to "kick it" (11).

**Write yours below.**