

# QUOTING FROM TEXT

## HOLES

Below is an excerpt from the novel, Holes, by Louis Sachar. Using the quoting practice we did together in class, read the excerpt then choose 3 passages from the text you found interesting, funny, or important-sounding. Make sure you choose at least 1 example of a multi-sentence quote. Write a lead, followed by the appropriate punctuation mark and the quote with the correct use of quotation marks and punctuation.

### **Example:**

**(Lead)** *I really loved the way the author described the characters. For example, the main character's father was described as a not-so-successful inventor.* **(Quote)** "Stanley's father was smart and had a lot of perseverance. [...] He just never had any luck."

If you want to skip places in a quote, you can put ellipses inside brackets, which looks like this: [...]

Stanley's father was an inventor. To be a successful inventor you need three things: intelligence, perseverance, and just a little bit of luck.

Stanley's father was smart and had a lot of perseverance. Once he started a project he would work on it for years, often going days without sleep. He just never had any luck.

Every time an experiment failed, Stanley could hear him cursing his dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather.

Stanley's father was also named Stanley Yelnats. Stanley's father's full name was Stanley Yelnats III. Our Stanley is Stanley Yelnats IV.

Everyone in his family had always liked the fact that "Stanley Yelnats" was spelled the same frontward and backward. So they kept naming their sons Stanley. Stanley was an only child, as was every other Stanley Yelnats before him.

All of them had something else in common. Despite their awful luck, they always remained hopeful. As Stanley's father liked to say, "I learned from failure."

But perhaps that was part of the curse as well. If Stanley and his father weren't always hopeful, then it wouldn't hurt so much every time their hopes were crushed.

"Not every Stanley Yelnats has been a failure," Stanley's mother often pointed out, whenever Stanley or his father became so discouraged that they actually started to believe in the curse. The first Stanley Yelnats, Stanley's great-grandfather, had made a fortune in the stock market. "He couldn't have been too unlucky."

At such times she neglected to mention the bad luck that befell the first Stanley Yelnats. He lost his entire fortune when he was moving from New York to California. His stagecoach was robbed by the outlaw Kissin' Kate Barlow.

If it weren't for that, Stanley's family would now be living in a mansion on a beach in California. Instead, they were crammed in a tiny apartment that smelled of burning rubber and foot odor.