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SPAM

1. **S** State the quote and who said or wrote it. Example: "Patrick Henry once said, 'Give me liberty or give me death.'"
2. **P** Paraphrase the quote in two to three complete sentences. Example: "Some men would rather be dead than have to live without freedom. To live under a tyrannical ruler is a fate worse than death. A life without liberty is a life not worth living."
3. **A** Agree or disagree with the quote. Hint: it's easier to find examples to support a quote than to refute it. Example: "I agree with this quote." Better: "This is supported by many examples in literature."
4. **M** Mention the literature you are going to use. Use TAG (Title, Author, Genre). Example: "Kurt Vonnegut supports this idea in his novel, *Welcome to the Monkey House*."

Formal Writing Tips:

1. Do not use "I think…" or "In my opinion…" especially when interpreting the quote. Again, not incorrect, but your writing sounds more sophisticated if you don't.

2. Do NOT use contractions in formal writing. Write out the entire word: can't = can not, don't = do not.

3. PROOFREAD! Remember, this is a formal writing assignment, not a text to your friend. Make sure you use proper capitalization, punctuation and grammar. Use complete sentences. Do NOT start sentences with "and", "but", "or", etc.

4. READ YOUR WRITING ALOUD (quietly) AND MAKE SURE IT MAKES SENSE! Make sure the sentences flow properly and you don't have run-on sentences or sentence fragments.