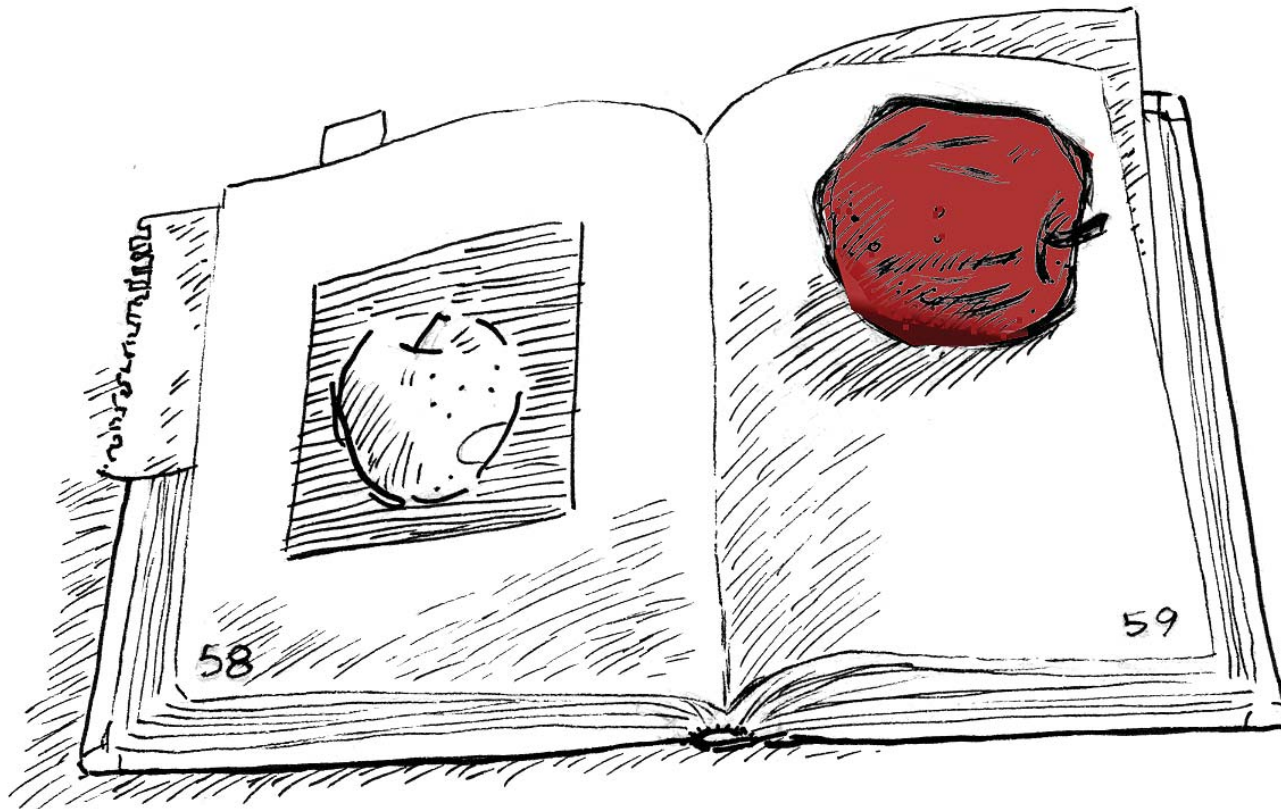


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## *Social science courses*

A synthesized collection of multiple critical theories which determine your opinion on Literature by selection of evidence (444, 456-458).

*Research > Review/Opinion*

### **Example conclusion topic sentence:**

From these findings it can be seen that...

## *English courses*

A synthesized collection of your critical opinions on Literature backed up with secondary critical research for evidence (372,386-7).

*Review/Opinion > Research*

### **Example conclusion topic sentence:**

Ultimately what these examples confirm is that...

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- Signal phrases help prevent unintended plagiarism and dropped quotations (454-5).

**Critic Dr. Carol Johnson (2009) summed up her article** “Poe’s Issues,” that numerous critics have had the wrong impression about the Gothic strategies used by the author.

**Signal phrases** introduce quote with full name of author & credentials (382)

- Use *present tense* or present-perfect tense (382).
- Signal phrases help prevent unintended plagiarism and dropped quotations (382-3).

**Critic Dr. Carol Johnson sums up her article** “Poe’s Issues” declaring numerous critics have the wrong impression about the Gothic strategies used by the author.

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