

## Quote Sandwich:

How do you support your claim? It's simple: you use experts!

By using writing moves like illustrating, authorizing, and countering you can show your reader that you have really “done your homework” when it comes to analyzing an issue. You are showing the reader that not only do you have something informed to say, but that you have consulted experts for even more advice on the issue.

**IMPORTANT:** When you use a direct quote or a paraphrase of key details from the reading to support your writing, it is not appropriate to simply PLOP the quote at the beginning or the end of your paragraph. Instead, you should explain your thinking both before and after the quote.

### **Your thinking, observation, analysis**

**Quote from expert...Illustrating, authorizing, countering**

**Your thinking, observation, analysis and  
Explaining why source is credible or questionable**



Think of using quotes and paraphrasing as making a sandwich.

In a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, all the elements blend together. The peanut butter and jelly both fill in the crevices of the bread, and it would be very difficult (maybe impossible) to separate the peanut butter from the jelly.

When you quote or paraphrase to support your ideas, your writing should also blend your thinking with your source's thinking.