**CHY4U Unit 2, Activity 1: Incorporating Enlightenment Quotes into Your Writing**

**AKA Using Primary Evidence Effectively**

**Listing is bad.**

**Incorporating is good.**

How do you do it?

1. Know what you want to argue.
2. Find the appropriate quote.
3. Find a way to explain how the quote supports your main argument.

Sample process:

1. Diderot shows social criticism characteristic of enlightenment
2. A) “Conscience must be enlightened, not constrained.”

Together with

B) “Education, persuasion, and prayer, these are the only legitimate means of spreading the faith.”

1. Quote A) shows his main belief that people should have freedom of thought. Quote B) shows that the Catholic church in France in not living up to its own rules for how to spread religion. Therefore, Diderot is criticizing the Catholic church.

**Written Up Nicely:**

Denis Diderot was one of the main social critics of his time, particularly when it came to the abuses of the Catholic Church. In an article from his multi-volume *Encyclopedie* called “Intolerance” Diderot portrayed the Church as hypocritical. In fact, he argued, the Church was intolerant. Diderot and other enlightened philosophes in France held a core belief in freedom of thought; as he said, **“Conscience must be enlightened, not constrained.”** Neither the state nor the Church should interfere with an individual’s right to his own beliefs and ideas. The problem with the Church was that it used pacifistic language such as love when in fact it used violent means to achieve its goals. According to Diderot, **“Education, persuasion, and prayer, these are the only legitimate means of spreading the faith.”** How hypocritical, he implied, was the Church for using violence, hatred, and sowing of division to spread Christianity. These two simple quotes portray Diderot as a hard-edged writer willing to speak his truth to power.