

Quotation errors:

In the following, I will use example quotes from the text below.

“My fellow Americans, this is an amazing moment for me. To think that a once scrawny boy from Austria could grow up to become governor of California and stand in Madison Square Garden to speak on behalf of the president of the United States. That is an immigrant's dream. It is the American dream.

I was born in Europe ...and I've travelled all over the world. I can tell you that there is no place, no country, more compassionate, more generous, more accepting and more welcoming than the United States of America.”

(Speech by Arnold Schwarzenegger, September 2004. Source:
<http://www.capitalismmagazine.com/politics/elections/3896-The-American-Dream.html>)

Bad example 1:

Schwarzenegger was proud to become governor of California. “That is an immigrant's dream.”

The quotation is not integrated into the essay writer's syntax. Try this:

Schwarzenegger was proud to become governor of California. He said it was “an immigrant's dream.”

Bad example 2:

Schwarzenegger is a nationalist: “I can tell you that there is no place, no country, more compassionate, more generous, more accepting and more welcoming than the United States of America.”

The quotation is not commented upon. It is worthless on its own. Try this:

Schwarzenegger is a nationalist. He says: “I can tell you that there is no place, no country, more compassionate, more generous, more accepting and more welcoming than the United States of America.” In his description of America, Schwarzenegger stresses values that everybody will recognize as positive values. The repetitive sentence structure adds pathos to the argument – and Schwarzenegger does not just refer to his country as “the USA”. He spells it out with rhythm and deliberation. This all underlines his love of America.