

Quotation from a Poem

Add a slash to show where a new line begins. Use “line” or “lines” in the first reference but only numbers in subsequent references, as in these examples from William Wordsworth’s “The World Is Too Much with Us.” The first reference:

“The world is too much with us; late and soon, / Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers” (lines 1-2).

The next reference:

“Or hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn” (14).

Separate part and line numbers by a period, without the word “line.”

In “Ode: Intimations of Immortality,” Wordsworth ponders the truths of human existence, “Which we are toiling all our lives to find, / In darkness lost, the darkness of the grave” (8.116-17).

Slash between lines

Line number