

Transcription Quick Tips

Rule #1:

Type what you see!

Misspellings

Don't edit! Keep the author's original spelling, even if incorrect

Insertions

For text inserted or added later, type it in the order you would read it aloud. If it's part of a sentence, bring it down into the line.

were endowed with the same qualities

were endowed by nature with the same qualities

Deletions

If you can read crossed out or otherwise deleted text, transcribe the deleted words inside a pair of brackets.

hard It was diffigual to believe

It was [difficult] hard to believe

Line breaks

Hit "enter" at the end of a line of text to preserve line breaks, except when words are broken across them. Write "presented" rather than "pre-sented."

the last miment as it were and almost immediately was yere rented to the President for his

the last moment as it were and almost immediately was presented to the President for his

Emphasis

Even when you see bold, italic, underlined or superscript text, transcribe it without any styling.



Marginalia (writing in the space around the main text)

Use a square brackets and asterisks [* *] around marginalia text and order it within the transcription where it makes the most sense.