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Plagiarism

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-- adapted from

Joyce Brannon's "Plagiarism." PowerPoint Presentation

Joyce Valenza's "What is Plagiarism?" (See works cited). (Internet downloads)

Today's Goals

- Learn about plagiarism
- Learn how to avoid plagiarism

Why is it wrong?

*Theft

*Cheating

Intentional vs Unintentional

Intentional

- Cutting and Pasting
- Copying directly
- Using videos and graphics without documentation
- Web publishing without permissions of creators

Unintentional

- Careless paraphrasing
- Poor documentation
- Quoting excessively

How to Avoid Plagiarism

Use quotations

Quotations are the exact words of an author, copied directly from a source, word for word. Quotations must be cited!

Use quotations to:

- add the power of an author's words
- disagree with an author's argument
- compare and contrast specific points of view
- note important research that precedes your own

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TIP: If there are any direct quotes or unique phrases that you might want to use in your project, mark the note with a big **Q** and make sure the name is identified

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Paraphrase

Paraphrasing means rephrasing the words of an author, putting their thoughts in your own words. When you paraphrase, you rework the source's ideas, words, phrases, and sentence structures with your own.

Paraphrase to:

- use information from your notes
- avoid overusing quotations

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Paraphrasing Examples:

Source: Unless steps are taken to provide **a predictable and stable energy supply** in the face of **growing demand**, the nation may be **in danger of sudden power losses or even extended blackouts**, thus **damaging our industrial and information-based economies**. – John Doe, 1999, p.231.

Bad Paraphrase

Doe (1999) recommends that the government take action to provide **a predictable and stable energy supply** because of constantly **growing demand**. Otherwise, we may be **in danger of losing power or even experiencing extended blackouts**. These circumstances could **damage our industrial and information-based economy**. (p.231).

Good Paraphrase

Doe (1999) believes that we must find a more reliable source of energy if we are to have a dependable electricity supply. Without this, the nation's economic base may be **damaged** by **blackouts** (p.231).

What to Cite

Giving credit to the original source of the information or idea.

Need to Cite

- ❖ Information from someone else whether they are alive or dead
- ❖ Information learned, even if you put it in your own words
- ❖ Quotations used from a source

Don't Need to Cite

- ❖ Your own experiences, observations, or reactions
- ❖ Compiling the results of your original research, from science experiments, etc.
- ❖ Common Knowledge
 - ❖ Facts in three or more sources and audience is likely to know the info
 - ❖ Basic Encyclopedia Knowledge

For More Information

OWL, Online Writing Lab, Purdue University, “Research and Documenting Sources,” <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research>. This site contains explanations and examples of many aspects of writing a paper.

What is plagiarism? <http://www.plagiarism.org>. This site includes information on what plagiarism is and how to avoid it

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Common Knowledge Practice

Q: Would you cite the following?

Queen Elizabeth ruled for over 44 years, and her reign is regarded as England's Golden Age.

A: No. This is indisputable information that you will find in many sources. There is no expert theory or opinion.

Q: Would you cite the following?

Contrary to rumors at the time and modern popular belief, Elizabeth and Dudley's relationship, while endlessly flirtatious, very likely never evolved into a romantic one.

A: Yes. This is disputable, arguable, and cannot be proven. This is clearly the opinion, or thesis, of the author. This needs citation.

Plagiarism Practice

Jack's Situation

Jack has an English paper due tomorrow. He read the book and paid attention during class, but he has no idea what to write about.

Jack logs onto the Internet “just to get some ideas about topics for his paper.”

He finds a great idea and begins writing his paper using the topic he found. He is very careful to avoid copying any text or words from the Internet article he found.

Is this plagiarism?

Yes

No

You said...
Jack did plagiarize.

You are right. Jack's actions constitute plagiarism.

- Jack is committing plagiarism by taking the ideas of the source without citing them in the paper.
- Even though he put the ideas in his own words, Jack is stealing the intellectual property of the source.



You said...

Jack did not plagiarize.

You are wrong. Jack's actions constitute plagiarism.

- Jack is committing plagiarism by taking the ideas of the source without citing them in the paper.
- Even though he put the ideas in his own words, Jack is stealing the intellectual property of the source. You are wrong. Jack's actions constitute plagiarism.
- He could avoid plagiarism if he cites the source of the ideas in his paper.



Jill's Situation

During history class, Jill is asked to find some background on Fidel Castro's rise to power.

Jill does a Google search and arrives at Wikipedia's article on Fidel Castro. Without using quotation marks, Jill cuts and pastes several sentences from Wikipedia into her assignment.

Is this plagiarism?

Yes

No

You said...
Jill did plagiarize.

You are right. Jill's actions constitute plagiarism.

- By taking the words from the Wikipedia article, Jill is committing plagiarism.
- She can avoid plagiarizing if she quotes the article in her assignment and includes an entry describing the source in a bibliography at the end of her paper.



You said...

Jill did not plagiarize.

You are wrong. Jill's actions constitute plagiarism.

- By taking the words from the Wikipedia article, Jill is committing plagiarism.
- She can avoid plagiarizing if she quotes the article in her assignment and includes an entry describing the source in a bibliography at the end of her paper.



Gretel's Situation

Gretel is a freshman who feels overwhelmed by the high school. When her science teacher assigns a short worksheet on genetics, Gretel is confused and frustrated.

During lunch, Gretel “borrows” her friend's paper and copies the answers onto her own paper.

Is this plagiarism?

Yes

No

You said...
Gretel did plagiarize.

You are right. Gretel's actions constitute plagiarism.

- Even if Gretel's friend gave permission for Gretel to copy her work, it is still plagiarism.
- Gretel is guilty of plagiarism. She tried to take credit for the words and ideas of another person.



You said...

Gretel did not plagiarize.

You are wrong. Gretel's actions constitute plagiarism.

- Even if Gretel's friend gave permission for Gretel to copy her work, it is still plagiarism.
- Gretel tried to take credit for the words and ideas of another person.



The End