

WRITING THE ESSAY: Plagiarism

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PLAGIARIZING

Using someone else's words or ideas
without giving them credit
is a kind of stealing.



HOW NOT TO PLAGIARIZE

1. Use your own words.
2. Keep track of your sources as you read them.
3. Cite (insert) the source information.
4. Remember to use quotation marks.

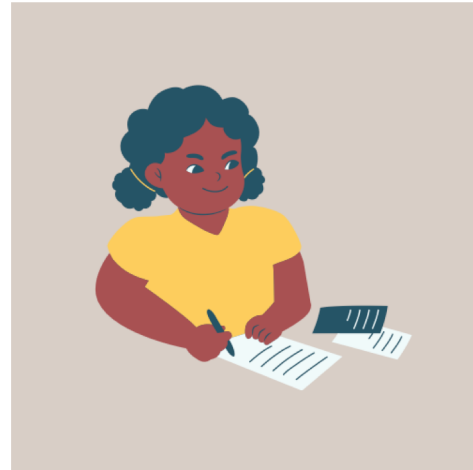


Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism

1. Use your own words whenever possible.
2. Keep track of the materials you use – your sources (books, articles, websites, film) – on paper or your computer while you are doing your research.
3. Cite (insert) the source information in your essay whenever you use someone else's words or ideas.
4. Use quotation marks whenever you take more than a few words directly from a source.
5. Use websites that help you format your references and citations so you don't lose points for improper documentation.



HOW NOT TO PLAGIARIZE



When in doubt, leave it out.



★ REMEMBER ★

- ★ It is *very* important to credit the author or creator of an idea, thought, or image you use. Develop good habits now so you protect your integrity, the integrity of your writing, and your reputation.
- ★ People have lost their academic standing, scholarships, jobs, and the respect of colleagues by failing to credit the origin of material they have used. Even famous people like Taylor Swift and Drake and Chris Brown have been sued over copyright issues.
- ★ If you can't remember where you got something, don't use it.



See the 2024 Juneteenth Essay Competition Writing Resource for links to these resources

- [Plagiarism.org](https://www.plagiarism.org)
- A helpful blog explaining how to avoid plagiarism when paraphrasing
- The MLA Citation Generator
- How to Write an Informative Essay (Terrebonne Parish Library librarian discusses evaluating sources) and accompanying blog



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