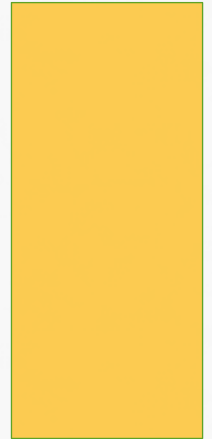


IF YOU DID NOT WRITE IT
THEN YOU BETTER CITE IT!

GUIDE ON PLAGIARISM



PLAGIARISM

- Plagiarism simply means that you are taking someone else's thoughts or ideas and passing them off as your own!
- ***“It is plagiarism when one uses direct quotations without proper credit or when one uses the ideas of another without giving proper credit.”***
 - SPCC Academic Integrity Policy, found in the College Handbook

WHAT NEEDS A CITATION?

- ANYTHING THAT IS NOT YOUR ORIGINAL THOUGHT!!!
 - If you read it in a book then you MUST give the author of that book credit for that information.
 - If you read it online (and the website is credible) you MUST cite it.
 - If you read it in a magazine you must cite it.

WHAT ABOUT COMMON KNOWLEDGE?

- If something is common knowledge, for example “the sky is blue”, you do not have to cite it.
- The sky being blue is something that everyone knows. You do not have to read it in a book to learn the color of the sky, so in this case you do not have to give credit to anyone.

CITE IT OR NOT?

Cite it!

- The current U.S deficit is now 4.5 trillion dollars as of January 1, 2013 (.....)

Not

- The U.S deficit is extremely high.

AM I GUILTY OF PLAGIARISM???

- Did I give credit to the source from which I got this information?
- Did I use quotations around exact phrases?
- Did I mention the author, page #, or publishing date?

BUT I HAD THE COMPUTER DO IT FOR ME!!!!!!

- Websites such as Easybib, Citation Machine, and Bibme.com are NOT reliable!
 - Just because the computer creates the source for you does not mean that it is correct.
 - Never trust the technology. Make sure you double check with a guide to make sure everything is in italics like it should be.
 - Citation programs will usually add in the URL at the end of the source and this is WRONG! If you know your rules then you should know that MLA does not require the full URL at the end of the source.
 - * Some instructors may want the URL address. (this is preference only).

HOW CAN I KNOW FOR SURE?

- Have friends review your paper before submitting.
- Have teachers, tutors, library staff review your citing.

There are many ways to make sure you have not plagiarized any part of your paper. However, a person can only catch so much. This is when you need to use Turnitin!

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN HOWEVER...

- Citing can be very confusing for most students. This is why we have software such as Turnitin.com that catches plagiarized statements.
- Turnitin.com- a database that scans your paper against all other papers it has ever scanned and ones available on the Internet in order to check for similarities!
- DO NOT copy a friend's paper because chances are they used turnitin.com and, if they have, you will be found GUILTY of plagiarism. Consequences may include failing an assignment or worse.

TURNITIN.COM

- Turnitin.com
 - This is a database that has compiled many web documents, student papers and articles.
 - What it does: It runs your paper against all others in the database and checks for similarities.
 - It scans a paper within seconds and then scores it based on its originality.
 - You want to get the lowest score possible; this means your paper is very much original and you did not plagiarize.

PARAPHRASING VS. SUMMARIZING

- Paraphrasing is when you take a part of the source and put it into your own words.
- Summarizing is when restate the **main ideas** of the passage in your own words.

5 STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARAPHRASING OR SUMMARIZING

- ❑ 1. Reread the original passage until you understand its full meaning.
- ❑ 2. Set the original aside and write your paraphrase or summary.
- ❑ 3. Check your rendition with the original to make sure that your version accurately expresses all the essential information in a new form.
- ❑ 4. Use quotation marks to identify any unique term or phraseology you have borrowed exactly from the source.
- ❑ 5. Record the source (including the page) in your notes or print out your sources so that you can cite them easily.

REVIEW

- What needs a citation? **ANY INFORMATION THAT WAS NOT MY ORIGINAL THOUGHT!**
- How can I make sure I am not plagiarizing? Peer reviews, teachers, tutors, Turnitin.com
- Ways to avoid plagiarizing? Paraphrase and Summarize, then cite.