Vocabulary

Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

almanac .... a yearly publication that contains a variety of information about a particular year

atlas .... a collection of maps bound together

bibliography .... a list or collection of all articles, books, and other sources checked for information or ideas while researching topics or subjects

criteria .... rules or tests used to make a judgment; standards used to evaluate something

direct quotation .... the use of the exact words someone has written or spoken

encyclopedia .... works that provide general articles on a wide variety of subjects; *specialized encyclopedias* contain a wide variety of articles on a particular subject or field of study

in-text citations .... a way of showing any material in your report which you have borrowed from a source; the citation allows readers to locate the fuller description of the source on the *Works Cited page*

paraphrase .... the use of your own words to retell detail information or ideas from a *text*

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plagiarism .... to use someone else's information, ideas, or work without giving credit to the writer

source .... a book, chapter in a book, article in a magazine or journal, video, television program, interview, Internet web site, or any written work or person from which you get information or ideas

summary .... the use of your own words to capture concisely the main ideas of a *text*

text .... an article, essay, book, or any other written work

thesis statement .... a statement that tells your readers what you believe about a topic; a statement that makes a claim about your topic; a statement that tells readers what a report or other text will discuss and support

topic sentence .... a statement that tells readers the main point or claim of a paragraph; the rest of the paragraph discusses and supports this main point or claim

transitions .... words or phrases that bridge or link one sentence to another sentence or one paragraph to another paragraph

Works Cited page .... a page at the end of an essay, article, pamphlet, or book that lists in alphabetical order all the sources cited within the *text*