



How to Avoid Plagiarism



- **Plagiarism - is using someone else's ideas or words without giving them proper credit. Plagiarism can range from unintentional to intentional. Beginning writers and expert writers alike can all plagiarize.**
- **Unintentional - forgetting to include a source in a bibliography**
- **Intentional - buying an already writing paper, or using another writer's ideas as your own to make your work sound smarter**

An illustration of a thief with brown hair, wearing a black mask and a black long-sleeved shirt, standing on a grey ladder. The thief is reaching up towards a glowing yellow lightbulb that sits on a pinkish-red oval table. The background is a light teal color.

**What is
Plagiarism?**

Plagiarism

Consequences

If you are...

- a **Student** - consequences can include failing grades on assignments or classes, academic probation, and even expulsion.
- a **Researcher** - plagiarism can cause a loss of credibility, legal consequences, and other professional consequences.
- an **Employee** - you can receive a reprimand or lose your job.

Plagiarism is SERIOUS!

In all of American High School, plagiarism is unacceptable.

It is considered cheating and a form of academic dishonesty.

As a virtual school student, you must be even more keenly aware of what plagiarism is so you can avoid doing it *unintentionally*.

When you enrolled in the school, you reviewed and signed an Academic Integrity form stating that you understand what plagiarism is and promising that you will not commit it.

Paraphrasing Done RIGHT!

Paraphrasing is rewriting a passage changing the meaning of the original text. without

- Read the passage several times to fully understand the meaning
- Note key concepts
- Write your version of the text without looking at the original
- Compare your paraphrased text with the original passage; make minor adjustments to phrases that remain too similar
- Cite the source where you found the idea

- *Original:* Her life spanned years of incredible change for women as they gained more rights than ever before.
Paraphrase: She lived through the exciting era of women's liberation.
- *Original:* Giraffes like Acacia leaves and hay, and they can consume 75 pounds of food a day.
Paraphrase: A giraffe can eat up to 75 pounds of Acacia leaves and hay daily.
- *Original:* Any trip to Italy should include a visit to Tuscany to sample the region's exquisite wines.
Paraphrase: Be sure to make time for a Tuscan wine-tasting experience when visiting Italy.
- *Original:* Symptoms of influenza include fever and nasal congestion.
Paraphrase: A stuffy nose and elevated temperature are signs you may have the flu.
- *Original:* The price of a resort vacation typically includes meals, tips and equipment rentals, which makes your trip more cost-effective.
Paraphrase: All-inclusive resort vacations can make for an economical trip.

Resources to assist you in maintaining your Academic Integrity

Resources

- **Avoiding Plagiarism**
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/avoiding_plagiarism/index.html
- **How to Paraphrase**
<https://www.scribbr.com/citing-sources/how-to-paraphrase/>
- **How to Cite**
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html
- **Plagiarism Checker**
<https://www.trustmypaper.com/free-plagiarism-checker>



If you are caught plagiarizing, you will be subject to the following potential consequences:

**Your work
WILL be
checked
for
plagiarism!**

Your assignment being rejected; Required to write an essay on Plagiarism specifically.

- You *may* be allowed to resubmit your paper



Zero Credit for the assignment



Dropped from the class



Expelled from the school

