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American High  
School's  
Tips on  
Plagiarism  
Avoidance

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# What is Plagiarism?

*Plagiarism* is using someone else's ideas or words without giving them proper credit.

Plagiarism can be either unintentional or intentional.

Unintentional Plagiarism: forgetting to include a source in a bibliography

Intentional Plagiarism: buying an already written paper or using another writer's ideas passing it as your own.

Novice to expert writers could potentially plagiarize.



# 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!

American High School views plagiarism as 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*.

*As a reminder: Upon enrolling, you signed an Enrollment form confirming your understanding of Academic Integrity, avoidance of plagiarism, and the consequences of committing plagiarism at American High School.*

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



Receive a failing mark of **Zero** on the assignment



Take a required remedial plagiarism module before continuing in other courses



Suspended and/or dropped from the course



School Expulsion



# Paraphrasing Done RIGHT!

*Paraphrasing is rewriting a passage and changing the meaning of the original text.*

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- Read the passage several times to fully understand the meaning
- Note key concepts
- Write your version of the text without looking at the original to avoid copying
- 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 and who was the original author

- *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.



# Plagiarism Avoidance Check List

- ✓ Keep a **list of your resources** as you are conducting your research.
- ✓ Make sure to **paraphrase or quote** from sources when using ideas.
- ✓ Your paper should **have your own original ideas**.
- ✓ Make sure to give **original author credit in an in-text citation and in the Works Cited page**.
- ✓ Consider using a **plagiarism checker** before submitting an assignment.

# *Resources to assist you in maintaining your Academic Integrity*

## **Resources**

- **Avoiding Plagiarism**

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/avoiding\\_plagiarism/index.html](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](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>

