



How to Avoid Plagiarism

What is 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

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 AHS classes, 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 contract stating that you understand what plagiarism is and promising that you will not commit it.*

Paraphrasing Done RIGHT!

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

Here is an example of paraphrasing a paragraph from "Family Values and Feudal Codes: The Social Politics of America's Twenty-First Century Gangster." *Journal of Popular Culture* 37.4 (2004) by Ingrid Field Walker, taken from [Duke University Libraries](#).

Original passage:

” In *The Sopranos*, the mob is besieged as much by inner infidelity as it is by the federal government. Early in the series, the greatest threat to Tony's Family is his own biological family. One of his closest associates turns witness for the FBI, his mother colludes with his uncle to contract a hit on Tony, and his kids click through Web sites that track the federal crackdown in Tony's gangland.

Paraphrased passage:

” In the first season of *The Sopranos*, Tony Soprano's mobster activities are more threatened by members of his biological family than by agents of the federal government. This familial betrayal is multi-pronged. Tony's closest friend and associate is an FBI informant, his mother and uncle are conspiring to have him killed, and his children are surfing the Web for information about his activities.

- 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

Resources to Assist You

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>



Your work WILL be checked for plagiarism.

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

- Your assignment being rejected; Required to write an essay on Plagiarism specifically, and may be allowed to resubmit your paper
- Zero Credit for the assignment
- Dropped from the class
- Expelled from the school

