

Plagiarism Quiz

1. Which of the following is considered plagiarism?
[Choose all that apply]
 - A. Change a few words in a sentence and use it as your own.
 - B. Copy a unique phrase if you give the original author credit.
 - C. Piece together ideas from more than one source without citing them.
 - D. Submit a paper you bought online.
 - E. Use someone else's ideas in your paper as long as you cite the source.

2. When do you need to cite copied sections of someone else's work?
[Choose all that apply]
 - A. It is from a scholarly research article.
 - B. Your friend wrote it.
 - C. It is common knowledge.
 - D. It is your analysis of the original work.

3. When is it acceptable to use multimedia, such as charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or audio files in your paper or class presentation?
 - A. You found them in your textbook for class.
 - B. You found them on the Internet.
 - C. They illustrate a point in your paper.
 - D. You cite the original source.

4. It is considered academic dishonesty to turn the same paper into two different courses?
 - A. True, it is academic dishonesty.
 - B. False, it is not academic dishonesty.

5. Which of the following are penalties for plagiarism at San Diego State University?
 - A. Failing an assignment.
 - B. Failing a course.
 - C. Being expelled from school.
 - D. All of the above.

6. Under certain circumstances it is acceptable to buy or borrow a paper and turn it in as your own.
- A. True
 - B. False
7. Which of the following best describes acceptable paraphrasing?
- A. Synthesizing the original passage and writing it in your own words.
 - B. Changing the sentence order of the original passage.
 - C. Replacing certain words from the original passage.
 - D. Rewriting the original passage.
8. Which of the following is the best reason to use direct quotes and paraphrases?
- A. To support your ideas.
 - B. To communicate what you mean better than you think you can.
 - C. To explain complicated ideas to your instructor.
9. Which of the following is part of a citation?
[Choose all that apply]
- A. Author's last name.
 - B. Title of the article or book.
 - C. Title of the journal.
 - D. Author's date of birth.
 - E. Page numbers.
10. Which of the following need to be cited?
[Choose all that apply]
- A. A website from which you got an idea for your paper.
 - B. A quote from your favorite TV show that you used in your paper.
 - C. Your interpretation of a book/article you read.
 - D. A talk your friend gave that you used in your paper.

11. What, if anything, is wrong with the following paraphrase?

Original Passage from: Lebo, Harlan. The Godfather Legacy. New York: Fireside, 1997.

Superficially, The Godfather was a pulp novel about sex, violence, and crime in America's gangland underworld. But at its core were solid storytelling and vivid characters.

Paraphrase:

The Godfather seemed to be a pulp novel about sex, violence, and crime in the American mafia. On a deeper level, the novel is a tightly woven epic story of life with dynamic characters (Lebo 5).

- A. Did not cite the original source.
- B. A portion of the paraphrase is a direct quote and should be in quotations.
- C. Follows the original passage too closely.
- D. All of the above
- E. Nothing is wrong with this passage.

12. What, if anything, is wrong with the following paraphrase?

Original Passage from: Wiegand, W. A. (1998). Introduction: theoretical foundations for analyzing print culture as agency and practice in diverse modern America. In J. Danky & W. Wiegand (Eds.), *Print culture in a diverse America* Urbana & Chicago: U. of Illinois Press.

For the past five hundred years, most of humankind has been informed by print. In the United States, for example, all people in the America's multicultural and multiclass society have for two centuries used or been influenced by print...

Paraphrase:

People worldwide have been influenced by print for more than five hundred years. For more than two hundred years in the United States, "America's multicultural and multiclass society" have been informed by print (Wiegand, 1).

- A. Did not cite the original source.
- B. A portion of the paraphrase is a direct quote and should be in quotations.
- C. Follows the original passage too closely.
- D. All of the above
- E. Nothing is wrong with this passage.

13. Read the original passage and paraphrase it in the response box. Don't forget to cite the original source and include any unique phrases in quotations.

This original passage is from an online news article about the Hubble Telescope. Source: Tenenbaum, D. (2002). "Hubble's greatest hits." *The Why Files*. Retrieved April 13, 2004, from <http://whyfiles.org/151hubble/index.html>.

"Seriously, Hubble may be the best \$2 billion NASA ever spent. From its position in orbit high above the atmosphere, Hubble has produced astonishing images and data on black holes, star formation and destruction, and even the early universe. It's fair to say Hubble has revolutionized astronomy." (Tenenbaum, 1)

14. Read the original passage and paraphrase it in the response box. Don't forget to cite the original source and include any unique phrases in quotations.

This original passage is from a scholarly journal article about international students. Source: Badke, W. (2002). International students: Information literacy or academic literacy? *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, 6(4), 60-65.

"To make matters more challenging, the amount of plagiarism in papers from international students is high, due to the philosophy that research is essentially reproduction of the work of others. Faculty need to understand that different educational cultures do have different standards and that the seeming lack of academic finesse among international students may simply be a reflection of academic training that follows other rules." (Badke, 63)

15. Read the original passage and paraphrase it in the response box. Don't forget to cite the original source and include any unique phrases in quotations.

This original passage is from a book about Egypt. Source: David, R. (1980). *Cult of the sun: Myth and magic in ancient Egypt*. London: J.M. Dent & Sons Ltd.

“A glance at a map of Egypt will confirm that, compared with other ancient civilizations in the ancient Near East, Egypt occupied a position which was geographically isolated. At the beginning of Egypt's history, natural barriers afforded protection and enabled the country to develop a unique civilization. The distinctive art forms, architecture and religious beliefs had become sufficiently established to be able to absorb outside influences without radically altering their own basic concepts.” (David, 17)