

# PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is defined by Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary as using another person's words, ideas, or facts as if they were your own without giving credit to the original source.

## EXAMPLES OF PLAGIARISM

- \*turning in someone else's work as your own (such as a research paper from an online "paper mill" site)
- \*copying words or ideas from someone without giving credit
- \*failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- \*giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
- \*changing words but copying the sentence structure without giving credit
- \*copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not

### **Information can be found online at:**

[http://www.turnitin.com/research\\_site/e\\_what\\_is\\_plagiarism.html](http://www.turnitin.com/research_site/e_what_is_plagiarism.html)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\\_plagiar.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_plagiar.html)

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>

## HOW TO AVOID PLAGIARISM

- ☺ Use quotation marks around all words and phrases from any source and cite the source.
- ☺ Cite the source for any ideas that are not your original ideas.
- ☺ Paraphrase by putting information in your own words, but still remember to cite the source.
- ☺ List every source that is used in the paper in the Works Cited.
- ☺ Cite the source if you are unsure!

### **How to Cite Sources**

Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 6th ed. New York: The Modern Language Association of America, 2003.

<http://www.citationmachine.net>

<http://www.easybib.com/>

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu>

<http://www.workscited4u.com/bib.php>

### **LINKS TO POWERPOINTS**

[http://www.gcs.k12.al.us/ppt/plagiarism\\_elem.ppt](http://www.gcs.k12.al.us/ppt/plagiarism_elem.ppt)

[http://www.gcs.k12.al.us/ppt/plagiarm\\_secondary.ppt](http://www.gcs.k12.al.us/ppt/plagiarm_secondary.ppt)