

MLA and Plagiarism Guided Notes

1. What is Plagiarism?

“...Taking and passing off as one’s own someone else’s work or ideas (from Latin *plagiarius*, kidnapper, _____).”

_____ YOU USE SOMEONE ELSE’S IDEA, _____.

2. _____ = _____

3. Already knew that? Did you know *this* is plagiarism, too?

- Keeping any of the same _____ without quotations, even if _____.
- Keeping the original order of ideas or sentence structure without _____, even if cited. (No _____ and using synonyms.)
- Not using ANY of _____ (entire paper is _____)
- Parenthetical citations do not lead to the _____
- Inaccurately _____ or misrepresenting _____ intentions

4. What’s the Big Deal?

In the “_____”, if you plagiarize, you may...

- Be expelled from college _____
- Lose your job
- Lose recommendations to another _____
- Be sued by _____ whose idea you “borrowed”

5. Instead of plagiarizing, you have _____...

6. Use a _____...

- Use the author’s _____ in “quotation marks”
- Don’t make _____
- Give the author’s name in parenthetical citation format _____
- That tells your teacher, “I did not write this part. These are someone else’s words.”

7. ...or _____

- Explain _____ of something you read
- Write completely in _____
- Show that you understand the source
- _____ the source (Wilson 5)

8. How do I paraphrase? First, _____ & _____

- STOP after each _____ and ask yourself, “What did I just read?”
- Take notes = Write a list of the _____.
- Write ONLY things that _____.
- Don’t use full sentences.

9. Then....Paraphrase!

- Put the source away
- Write about what you read _____.
- Pretend you’re explaining the source to a friend.
- _____ put anything in your paper that you _____.

10. Then _____ your sources!

- Author and page #: _____
- For _____, sometimes you don’t have a page number: _____
- Sometimes you don’t have _____, either! Use the page title _____

11. What if I want to use a quotation from a book or website?

- Put “_____” around the author’s words in your paper.
- Put a _____ after it like this:
“In 2006, about 245 million tons of trash were produced in the United States” (Parks 7).

12. Don’t forget to _____...

This just means _____ to the author and making it easy for the reader to _____.

13. “Citing your sources” has _____ parts:

A page at _____ of your paper listing _____...

14. And _____ inside the essay: the _____ and _____ (or the page title if no author) right after the fact or quote.