

PLAGIARISM

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is **CHEATING!** It is *the "wrongful act of taking the product of another person's mind and presenting it as one's own"*. According to Joseph Gibaldi of the Modern Language Association, *"To use another person's ideas or expressions in your writing without acknowledging the source is to plagiarize."* Plagiarism, then, constitutes intellectual theft". *Certainly plagiarism is morally and ethically wrong.* this form of cheating involves stealing, lying, and insulting others. **First**, taking ideas and words from another to use as your own without permission or acknowledgement is stealing. **Second**, offering another person's ideas and words as your own in any assignment—a paper, test, examination, poster, or oral report—is lying. **Third**, disrespect for the intellectual integrity of the source, your fellow students, and your teachers is insulting

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What constitutes plagiarism?

1. Buying or downloading a paper from a research service or term-paper mill and offering it as your own
2. Turning in another student's work, with or without that student's knowledge, as your own
3. Copying any portion of another's work without proper acknowledgement
4. Copying material from a source, supplying proper documentation, but leaving out quotation marks or failing to indent properly
5. Paraphrasing ideas and language from a source without proper documentation

What are the consequences for plagiarism?

Plagiarism can have serious consequences: you may earn a grade of zero for the paper, you may earn a double zero, you may fail the course, or you may even face expulsion from the school. Some colleges with honor codes expel students for plagiarism.

How does a student avoid plagiarism?

Always give credit where credit is due.

In other words, learn to acknowledge your sources.

You must learn to **cite your sources** within your text and in a bibliography or list of works cited at the end of the paper.

What does "citing a source" mean?

* Giving **credit to someone or something** when what you use is not your own original work

When should you cite a source?

1. When you use another person's idea, opinion, or theory
2. When you use any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings, pictures, sounds, etc. or any other piece of information which you found from any source
3. When you use quotations of another person's actual spoken or written words
4. When you paraphrase (put in your own words) another person's spoken or written words (Writing Tutorial Services, Indiana University)

What needs to be included when you cite a source?

- * Who wrote or created it
- * What it is called
- * Where and by whom it was published or produced
- * When it was published or produced

When in doubt, cite your source!