

PLAGIARISM: Learn the Rules!



Definition of Plagiarism:

The unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work.

"plagiarism." *Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.1)*. Random House, Inc. 19 Mar. 2008.
<Dictionary.com <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/plagiarism>>.

There are three types of plagiarism to avoid:

1. **Copying word for word**-This is the most common form and happens when words or ideas are copied from another sources *without giving proper credit to the author.*
2. **Paraphrasing**- This occurs when a writers borrows an idea or words and rewrites them in their own words *without giving proper credit to the author.*
3. **Use of an idea**-This happens when an idea is adapted from another sources *without giving proper credit to the author.*

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Introductory Tags

The most important thing to remember when using borrowed information or quoting a source within your writing piece or project is to **ALWAYS** inform your readers from **WHERE** you got your information.



INTRODUCTORY TAGS allow for you to do this. Use any of the following when including borrowed information in your writing piece or project:

says

suggests

describes

according to

explains

reports

agrees

states

EXAMPLES using INTRODUCTORY TAGS:

"They started buying them by the hundreds," **states** retailer Gordon Reddick, owner of a medical company, which first sold the Croc brand shoes.

Scholastic News **reports** that many animals are in danger of extinction.

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