

## What is plagiarism and why should I care about it?



I can dissect informational texts for facts versus opinions, summarize and paraphrase information, avoid plagiarism, and organize my source citations and notes into a working outline.

What is plagiarism?

According to Dictionary.com, plagiarism is "the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language or thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work."

What are the consequences for plagiarizing? Drag the consequence to the correct column, either student or professional.

Student  
consequences:

Professional  
Consequences:

Call home to parents  
Legal consequences  
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Redo essay  
Detention  
Jail  
Suspended  
Fired from job

How can we avoid plagiarism?

Paraphrase when note taking.

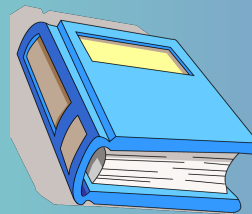
NOTES

- You paraphrase by:
  1. reading something
  2. thinking about what it means
  3. then restating it in your own words.
- If you can't paraphrase after reading, it is important to go back and reread to clarify information.

## Let's practice paraphrasing:

Read the following passage and put it in your own words:

Original Passage: When students engage in activities they foster friendships and stay connected to their school-they are experiencing a sense of belonging. The lack of belonging could be argued as a reason some students drop out of school.



## Possible Paraphrase:

Students who join clubs and participate in sports make friends and stay connected to the school. Sometimes kids who drop out do not have the same connections.

**Quiz:**

1. Valentine's Day is February 14th.

Needs to be cited OR Doesn't need to be cited?

Answer: Common knowledge, like the date of Valentine's Day does not need to be cited.

2. What types of sources must be cited?

Answers: images, photos, graphics, charts, and direct quotations

Taking Notes Using Note cards:

## NOTES

- Use a separate index card for each item of information/reason.
- Give each card a heading to show what the focus is. (ie.: your reason, counter argument, etc.)
- Write source note cards to keep track of sources. Write source number on research note cards, so they match. (ie: Ebscohost, Gale, etc.)
- Put quotation marks around anything you copy word for word from a source. (Direct Quote)

### Sample Note Card:

Source Number

Topic

R 1: Smoking can cause lung cancer.

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Tobacco smoke contains harmful  
chemicals, such as cyanide,  
carbon monoxide and ammonia.

These chemicals can cause lung  
cancer.



Sample Source Card:

Source Number

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Source Citation

"Dangers of Tobacco Products."  
Africa News Service 22 Oct.  
2004. Gale Opposing Viewpoints  
In Context. Web. 25 Nov. 2012.

## How to Cite a Website in MLA

### **Structure:**

Last name, First name. "Article Title." *Website Title*. Publisher of Website, Day Month Year article was published. Web. Day Month Year article was accessed. <URL>.

### **Example:**

Cain, Kevin. "The Negative Effects of Facebook on Communication." *Social Media Today* RSSN.p., 29 June 2012. Web. 02 Jan. 2013.

## **How to Cite a Database Online in MLA**

### **Structure:**

Last, First M. "Article Title." *Database Name*. Database Publisher, Date Month Year Published. Web. Date Month Year Accessed.

### **Examples:**

Roberts, David. *The Total Work of Art in European Modernism*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell UP, 2011. JSTOR. Web. 21 Dec. 2012.

## How many facts or note cards are needed? NOTES

- You will need at least one note card for each body paragraph/supporting reason to support your opinions.
- You will need at least one note card for your counter argument.
- TOTAL: At least 4 note cards.

# Practice Taking Notes:

"Writing Note Cards" Worksheet due Wednesday.

*Worksheet*

## WRITING NOTE CARDS

Write note cards for each of the following selections.

**Native Americans: Arts & Crafts**  
 Middle American Indians created elaborate carvings. Large sculptures were used to decorate ancient Aztec and Maya structures or were placed alongside as monuments. Craftsmen also carved jade, onyx, quartz and other materials. The Northwest Coast Indians made fine wood carvings. Their ceremonial wooden masks had movable parts. They also carved house posts, grave markers, and totem poles.

*Arts & Crafts: Carving*

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The Indians usually combined painting with other arts. For example, much pottery of the Southwest Indians and of the Aztec, Maya and Inca had painted designs. The Aztec and Maya also made large wall paintings of important ceremonies and historic events. Painted designs also decorated some wood carvings of the northwest tribes. The Pueblo were the first to make sand paintings, and the Navajo improved on this ceremonial art.

*Arts & Crafts: Painting*

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Most Indian groups handed down their folk tales and poetry by word of mouth for centuries. Some North American Indians, such as the Chippewa, recorded some of their tribal songs on bark. The Maya left behind manuscripts that tell of their ancient history. The Inca wrote dramas dealing with great military victories as well as with everyday life.

*Arts & Crafts: Literature*

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