PLAGIARISM
Plagiarism is the act of passing off someone else's words or ideas as your own. Do not copy other's work, have someone else write your paper, or use words, ideas, or papers that you find elsewhere or online as your own. Correctly citing ideas and words from other people is the best way to avoid plagiarism.

TO AVOID PLAGIARISM:
- Summarize, quote, and paraphrase from your sources.
- For more information, check out https://iowalakes.libguides.com/citations

SUMMARIZE:
- **Summarizing is taking the original piece and giving a concise description of what it states.** You need to provide an explanation of what the author has stated, without using the same wording that they used. You will not need quotation marks so long as you avoid using the exact phrases in the original piece. If you use the same terminology and it is new or very specific to the piece, such as a new term that is coined by the writer, then you must use quotation marks around the phrase.
  - You can mix a quotation in the middle of your summary if you are using an exact phrase.
  - Use quotation marks only around the exact phrasing and cite the source using the proper Citation Style.

QUOTE:
- **Quoting is using the same wording from the original piece.**
  - Do not quote the entire piece. Only rarely would you quote entire sentences. You need to put most of what you are saying into your own words and quote only a small section or a specific phrase of the original piece.
  - You need to work in multiple ideas and quotes from various sources into your paper. Most of what you are writing should be your own words.
  - You will need to put the exact words into quotation marks and cite the source using the proper Citation Style.
PARAPHRASE:

- Most of your paper should be in your own words. If you want to use an idea from the original piece, but not the entire piece, then you can paraphrase the ideas that you want to present in your paper.
- **You will not use the exact terminology or wording.** You will not use quotation marks.
- You will provide a brief description of the original idea and cite the source in the proper Citation Style.

EXAMPLES:

Modern technology can be largely traced back to Nikola Tesla. Tesla was born in what is now known as Croatia. Tesla worked with Thomas Edison for a short time, but refused to be linked to Edison for the Nobel Prize for Physics because Tesla believed that Edison “had conducted an unscrupulous campaign for the adoption of direct current” (Hutchinson Dictionary of Scientific Biography”, 2016). Neither was awarded the prestigious honor. Niagara Falls used Tesla’s alternating-current motors to power their station (“Issues & Controversies”, 2018).

Reference List


For more information, check out: https://iowalakes.libguides.com/writing_resource