

# PREVENTING PLAGIARISM, INTEGRATING SOURCES, AND UNDERSTANDING CROSS-CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

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## WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?

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“The use of materials from other sources without proper citation is considered plagiarism in the U.S.” (George & Caufield, 2022, p. 15).

# PLAGIARISM: DELIBERATE AND OBVIOUS

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- Putting your name on a paper that is not yours
- Buying a paper from an Internet site and pretending you wrote it
- Copying and pasting a phrase, sentence, paragraph of someone else's work and not giving the author credit

# PLAGIARISM: CARELESS AND UNINTENTIONAL

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- Copying a passage word for word from a source and pasting it into a paper and forgetting to **include quotation marks or author attribution**
- Summarizing a published author's idea and **omitting both author name and source title**
- Crediting an author's idea in a signal phrase
  - (According to John Smith . . .) **BUT omitting quotation marks** around the author's exact phrases

# PLAGIARISM ACROSS CULTURES

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## Collectivist culture

- “prioritizes the goals and desires of the WHOLE over the needs of the individual” (Campbell, 2023)
- East Asian countries, i.e., South Korea, Japan, China
- Taught to respect people who share knowledge
- Can be uncomfortable to adjust thinking about individual authors above the community as a whole

# WHAT IS ACADEMIC INTEGRITY?

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- Honest
- Ethical
- Not misleading or confusing – your readers know which parts of your research came from outside sources
- Avoiding plagiarism

# HOW TO AVOID PLAGIARISM WHEN USING RESEARCH IN YOUR WRITING

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- Give yourself enough time to draft and revise your paper multiples times
- Keep accurate research notes/research log
- Use quotations for the exact words of a source AND cite the source
- Paraphrase the author's words AND cite the source

# WHEN SHOULD I QUOTE?

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- Unforgettable language
- Strength
- Technical terms
- Build your ethos – using a scholar, doctor, etc.
- Quoting to preserve emotion: One nurse described an exchange between the two sides as “awful—continuous and earthquaking” (Burton 120).



# PARAPHRASE

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- Keep the author's meaning
- Use your own words and voice
- Give credit to the source
- Usually shorter than the original
- NOT just substituting a word or two with synonyms

# SUMMARIZE

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- Put the main idea(s) into your own words
- Give credit to the source (Cite it)
- Much shorter than the original

# INTEGRATING QUOTATIONS

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- Signal phrase
  - also called **signposting**
  - A signal phrase is something like “**According to** Chen Li...”
- In-text citation
  - also called parenthetical citation
  - (Li 7) [this is in MLA format]
- Bibliographic citation (the information you put on the Works Cited page)

**ACTIVITY:**

**INTEGRATING SOURCES**

# HELPFUL LINKS

<https://www.turnitin.com/blog/cultural-differences-in-plagiarism>

<https://openstax.org/books/writing-guide/pages/handbook#sect-00012>

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/avoiding\\_plagiarism/](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/avoiding_plagiarism/)

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/using\\_research\\_documents/20200617ShouldICiteChart.jpg](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/using_research_documents/20200617ShouldICiteChart.jpg)

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/using\\_research\\_quoting\\_paraphrasing\\_and\\_summarizing/index.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/using_research_quoting_paraphrasing_and_summarizing/index.html)

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2007/05/24/cheating-across-cultures>



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