

## Plagiarism ...what's that?

**Plagiarism** is stealing ideas.

Everyone knows that stealing is taking something that is not theirs; we know it is wrong to steal. Using someone else's words or ideas without telling everyone where the words came from is a form of stealing called **plagiarism**.



**Remember...**  
You are the one doing the learning, so you *must* do your own thinking!

## Become famous... but give credit where credit is due!

- Understand the assignment
- Choose a research topic that interests you
- Trust your own words ... share your ideas ... write in your own "voice"
- Give yourself plenty of time to finish assignments by setting deadlines for each part of your paper
- Cite as you go! Record where you found your information/ideas **while** you do your search ... don't wait until the end
- Have other people read your unfinished paper and make suggestions ... this is *not plagiarism*
- Always include a bibliography, list of resources, or acknowledgement on every paper or project
- Summarize, paraphrase, quote ... and when in doubt, **CITE**

## Remember...

Citing makes your work stronger!  
In a good paper or project, properly credited sources are *vital* to supporting your ideas.



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## Become FAMOUS...

**But give credit  
where credit  
is due!**

▶ What is  
**PLAGIARISM**  
anyway?



## ► Examples of Plagiarism

- Cutting/pasting text from electronic sources without citing

- Putting your name on other people's work ... includes having someone write your paper, buying a paper, downloading a paper from online services



- Not giving proper credit or citing someone else's unique words and original ideas, research, works, pictures, music, video and other forms of communication

- Using *anyone's* old project

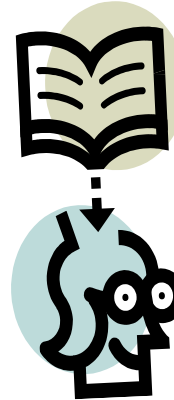
- Changing only a few words, sentences, or phrases, and saying they are your own

- Not using quotation marks when copying exactly someone's words, sentences, phrases, etc.

- Paraphrasing carelessly, documenting poorly, quoting excessively or failing to use your own voice!

### You need to cite:

- Someone else's words or ideas from **any** source
- Exact words or phrases copied from anywhere
- Reprints of graphics, photographs, charts, etc.
- Ideas or quotes from interviews and emails
- Information you have paraphrased, copied or summarized
- Samples at <http://www.liunet.edu/cwis/cwp/library/workshop/citmla.htm>



### You don't need to cite:

- Your own experiences, observations, insights, thoughts, or conclusions
- Your own experimental results
- Common Knowledge (see below)

#### Information is probably **Common Knowledge** if...

- It is information your readers already should know
- It is in the public domain, such as folklore
- You could find the same information undocumented in at least five other places
- A person could easily find the information in general reference sources

Plagiarism is an academic crime, so there are



## Consequences

Consequences for dishonesty:

- Not learning the skills you need to succeed
- Student's parent or guardian will be contacted by the teacher and/or principal
- Having to write an entirely new paper
- Receiving no credit for the assignment



Plagiarism is morally and ethically wrong.