

PLAGIARISM AND CITATION



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Workshop Itinerary

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 - Plagiarism and How to Avoid It
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Plagiarism and How to Avoid It



What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is the act of appropriating or imitating the language, ideas, images, or thoughts of another and presenting them as one's own or without proper acknowledgment.

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 - Providing false citations
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“Unintentional plagiarism, also known as patch writing, may occur when students depend too heavily on textual material to make a point rather than making the point themselves and using the text to support it. In such cases, students cite the sources they have used, but do not correctly paraphrase the source material. They often also fail to indicate where paraphrased source material begins and ends.”

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- In other cases, the professor may make a formal report. At Drew, plagiarism reports are adjudicated either through:
 - The Alternative Resolution Procedure (usually for minor/unintentional violations)--the student admits wrongdoing and an internal report is filed that doesn't go on your record
 - Academic Integrity hearing (usually for more serious instances)
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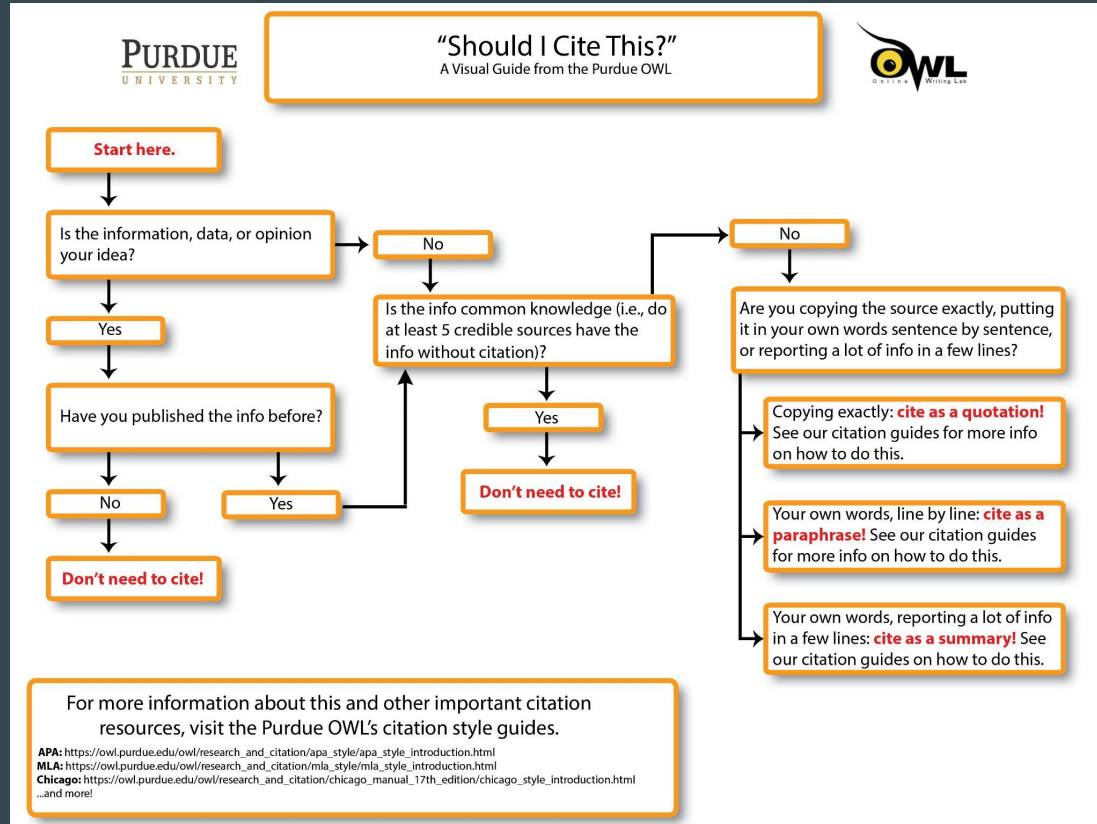
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Sanctions range in severity:

- re-doing an assignment
 - failing the assignment,
 - failing the course,
 - being dismissed from your program,
 - suspension for one or more semesters, or
 - expulsion from Drew.
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Avoiding Plagiarism: Citation Rules, Formats, and Managers

Citation Rules



From: [Purdue OWL](https://owl.purdue.edu/),
"Should I Cite This?"

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Example:

In *God Is Not One*, Prothero argues against the idea that all religions are different paths to the same goal. He claims instead that each religion has its own concepts, practices, myths, and teachings that differentiate it from all others. (Prothero, 2010, pp. 2–4)

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Modern Language Association (MLA): most often used in literature and cultural studies

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Chicago Manual of Style (Turabian): most often used in history, philosophy, religion, and the arts

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Citation Managers

- Zotero
- EndNote
- Medeley

For details and workshops about each of these managers, visit:

[Vanderbilt University Library: “Citation Management”](#)

Exercises

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Exercise #1

Adapted from Purdue OWL, [“Plagiarism Exercises”](#)

Sentences 1, 2, and 3 all refer to the following passage from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from the Birmingham Jail":

You deplore the demonstrations taking place in Birmingham. But your statement, I am sorry to say, fails to express a similar concern for the conditions that brought about the demonstrations. I am sure that none of you would want to rest content with the superficial kind of social analysis that deals merely with effects and does not grapple with underlying causes. It is unfortunate that demonstrations are taking place in Birmingham, but it is even more unfortunate that the city's white power structure left the Negro community with no alternative.

1. Dr. King was certain that nobody would want to be contented with a feigning type of social analysis that concerns itself only with effects and doesn't deal with root causes.
2. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote that the city of Birmingham's "white power structure" left African-Americans there with "no alternative" but to demonstrate ("Letter from the Birmingham Jail" para. 5).
3. In "Letter from the Birmingham Jail," King writes to fellow clergy saying that although they "deplore the demonstrations taking place in Birmingham, your statement fails to express a similar concern for the conditions that brought about the demonstrations."

Exercise #2

Choose a book or essay that you plan to use for a final assignment this semester.

Practice writing 1) a brief summary of the text (capturing its main points) and 2) a few paraphrased sentences that encapsulate in your own words a point the author makes that is relevant to your final assignment.

If you know the format of your preferred citation style, then cite both the summary and paraphrase according to that style. If you do not know the format of your preferred citation style, make a note of the author, essay/book title, and the page number so that you can format this information later.

Q & A

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