

Plagiarism

What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is to take someone's words or ideas and present them as you own (Marshall & Rowland).



Think about what you are doing.

Forms of plagiarism

1. Write word for word from an author's piece of work without referencing.
2. Change only a few words from an original source, even when you have referenced the item.
3. Copying another student's work.
4. Even using photos, images, diagrams and artwork, all must be referenced especially if the items have been taken from a book, internet or someone's photos.
5. Quoting without referencing the source you have used.

How you can avoid plagiarism?

1. Record every source you use when researching.
2. Make notes from the sources you use.
3. Add sources and appropriate details as you work.
4. Paraphrase appropriately. Paraphrasing is the process of putting another person's ideas in your own words (University of South Australia).
5. Do not allow another student to copy your work and vice versa.
6. Check your Student Homework Diary [pages 60-62] for further information.



Do the right thing and source everything you use.



There is only one way; do it the right way!

Why make notes?

What you need to look for in note-making:

1. Identifying the main point.
2. Locating information that supports the main idea.
3. Noting specific information which relates to supporting ideas.
4. Helps to answer the question much more effectively.
5. Helps you to better understand what you are researching.

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If you follow these guidelines you will not be penalized.