

Plagiarism Quiz

1. When you plagiarize something you _____ someone else's work.
 - a. laugh at
 - b. write
 - c. sing
 - d. kidnap

2. What could happen to you if you plagiarize?
 - a. Fail the class
 - b. Receive an incomplete
 - c. Have it noted on your student record
 - d. All of the above

3. Which of these is a valid excuse for plagiarizing?
 - a. I'm too busy
 - b. I didn't know it was plagiarism
 - c. I don't remember where I found the information
 - d. The professor will never find out
 - e. All of the above
 - f. None of the above

4. Which of these is considered common knowledge?
 - a. The capital of Iowa
 - b. The number of people living in South Carolina in 1910
 - c. The first twenty lines of *The Odyssey*
 - d. Isaac Newton's religious beliefs

5. Who can help you if you don't know how to cite an article? (circle all correct answers)
 - a. Your dog
 - b. A librarian
 - c. Your professor
 - d. The cashier at Wal-Mart

6. When you paraphrase you:
 - a. Put someone else's idea(s) into your own words
 - b. Need to cite your source
 - c. Synthesize a passage of text
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above

7. Which of these is a citation style? (circle all correct answers)
 - a. APA
 - b. PDA
 - c. MLA
 - d. Chicago

8. Using your brother's English term paper for your English class is not considered plagiarizing:
- True
 - False
9. Describe what is wrong with the following paraphrased passage:

Original Passage From:

Baker, Billy. "The Race to 100 MPG." Popular Science September 2006: 50-53.

By far the most obvious approach to achieving ultra-high mileage is to dramatically cut weight and wind resistance, the chief enemies of highway mileage. This is the gambit you see in student engineering competitions, in which teardrop-shaped microvehicles on bicycle wheels regularly achieve hundreds of miles to the gallon.

Paraphrased Passage

Making cars more fuel efficient can be done: by getting rid of the 7000+ lb. behemoths and replacing them with lighter, more aerodynamic cars. College students around the country do this by creating teardrop-shaped microvehicles that get gas mileage we wish our cars currently had. (Baker 52)

- Did not cite the original source
- Follows original passage too closely
- Part of the paraphrase is a direct quote and should be in quotations
- Nothing is wrong with the passage

10. Describe what is wrong with the following paraphrased passage:

Original Passage From:

Haywood, Richard Mansfield. The Myth of Rome's Fall. New York: Crowell, 1958.

To put the Cross on coins was a highly significant move. It was felt to have a magic power which would neutralize the power of other divinities and its appearance on coins was a definite declaration that the government was now relying on this potent symbol.

Paraphrased Passage

Putting the Cross on Roman coins was an important move. People felt the Cross had a power that defused the power of other deities. This was a declaration that the Roman government was relying on this symbol of power. (Haywood 123)

- Did not cite original source
- Follows original passage too closely
- Part of the paraphrase is a direct quote and should be in quotations
- Nothing is wrong with the passage

11. Describe what is wrong with the following paraphrased passage:

Original Passage From:

Graham, Don. The Fiction of Frank Norris: The Aesthetic Context. Columbia:

University of Missouri Press, 1978.

The Octopus reflects Norris's rediscovery of the California he had known and his encounter with a California far more protean than the one he had viewed primarily as an urban field for fiction. To create this culminating response to the aesthetic nineties and to his San Francisco associates, to capture this West of city and country, Bohemian Club and barn dance, Norris spent several months in San Francisco and the San Joaquin Valley gathering facts and impressions.

Paraphrased Passage:

Frank Norris did not write *The Octopus* simply as a reflection of his own experiences from his youth. It required him to research the changes that had taken place in California and the San Francisco area since his childhood, particularly that of the encroachment of the train and its effects on society. (Graham 66)

- a. Did not cite original source
- b. Follows original passage too closely
- c. Part of the paraphrase is a direct quote and should be in quotations
- d. Nothing is wrong with the passage

12. Describe what is wrong with the following paraphrased passage:

Original Passage From:

Glanz, James. "Billions in Oil Missing in Iraq, U.S. Study Finds." New York Times 12 May,

2007, late ed.: A1+.

Between 100,000 and 300,000 barrels a day of Iraq's declared oil production over the past four years is unaccounted for and could have been siphoned off through corruption or smuggling, according to a draft American government report.

Paraphrased Passage:

It is not surprising that between 100,000 and 300,000 barrels of Iraq's oil is unaccounted for each day.

- a. Did not cite original source
- b. Follows original passage too closely
- c. Part of the paraphrase is a direct quote and should be in quotations
- d. Nothing is wrong with the passage