



# WRITING THE ESSAY: Plagiaris

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The  
Five  
Paragraph  
Juneteenth  
Essay



# PLAGIARIZING

Using someone else's words or ideas  
without giving them credit  
is a kind of stealing.



# HOW NOT TO PLAGIARIZE

1. Use your own words.
2. Keep track of your sources as you read them.
3. Cite (insert) the source information.
4. Remember to use quotation marks.



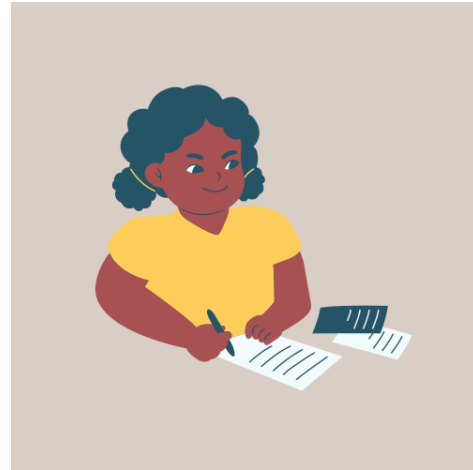
# Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism

1. Use your own words whenever possible.
2. Keep track of the materials you use - your sources (books, articles, websites, film) - on paper or your computer while you are doing your research.
3. Cite (insert) the source information in your essay whenever you use someone else's words or ideas.
4. Use quotation marks whenever you take more than a few words directly from a source.
5. Use websites that help you format your references and citations so you don't lose points for improper documentation. MLA Citation Generator  
<https://www.mybib.com/tools/mla-citation-generator>

- <https://plagiarism.org/>
- Blog explaining how to avoid plagiarism when paraphrasing:  
<https://plagiarism.org/blog/2021/08/06/why-is-it-still-plagiarism-when-i-paraphrase-and-use-my-own-words>
- How to Write an Informative Essay. [https://youtu.be/hS8\\_J-JhI7Q](https://youtu.be/hS8_J-JhI7Q)  
(Terrebonne Parish Library librarian gives short complete instruction = 15 minutes, discussion of evaluating sources)

Accompanying blog <https://mutpl.org/project/how-to-write-an-informative-five>

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When in doubt, leave  
it out.





# ★ REMEMBER ★

It is very important to credit the author or creator of an idea, thought, or image you use. Develop good habits now so you protect your integrity, the integrity of your writing, and your reputation. People have lost their academic standing, scholarships, jobs, and the respect of colleagues by failing to credit the origin of material they have used. Even famous people like Taylor Swift and Drake and Chris Brown have been sued over copyright issues.

If you can't remember where you got something, don't use it.

Thank you for using this  
resource!

We wish you success with  
your Juneteenth Essay  
writing!

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