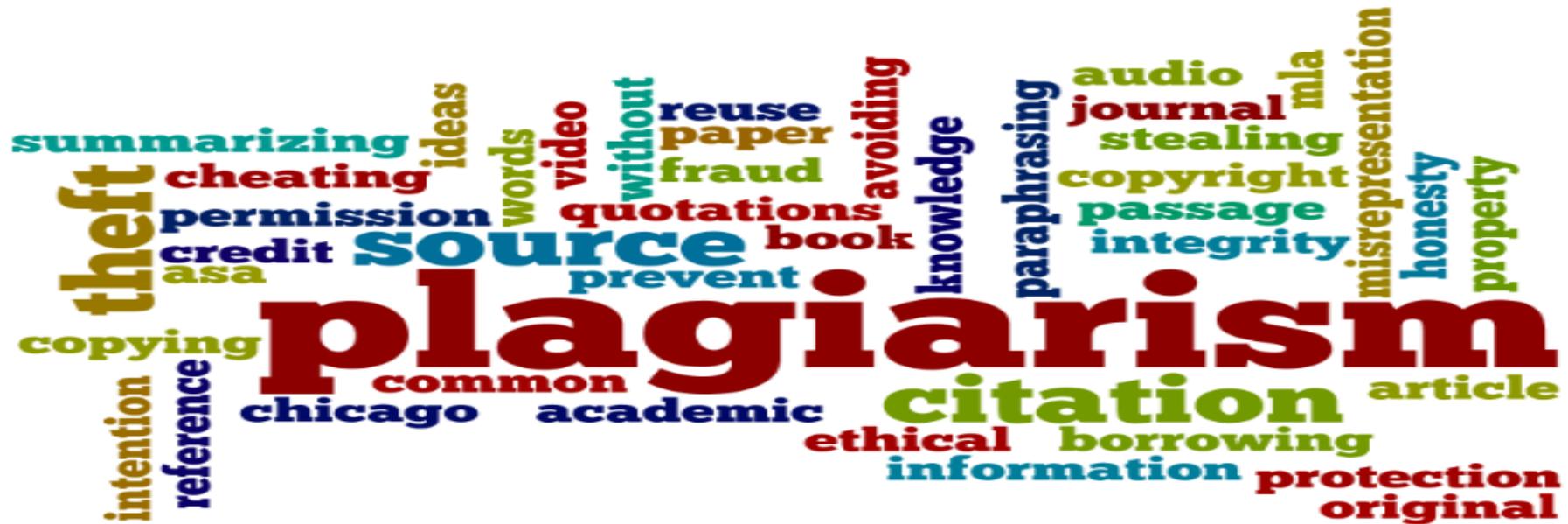


TIPS TO AVOID PLAGIARISM



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Avoiding Plagiarism



Source: Virtual Library.com

Plagiarism Defined

- To take credit for someone else's words or ideas
- To use another's work without crediting the source
- To present as new and original an idea derived from an existing source

Types of Plagiarism

- Using another person's work completely unaltered and without referencing the source (direct copying)
- Reusing works you have written in the past (self-plagiarism)
- Solely using source material with no original thought or idea (piling up sources)
- Incorrectly citing an original source

Source: Examples of Plagiarism Bowdoin College, <https://tinyurl.com/bdjt7mum>

Initial Steps

- Do not cite - common knowledge or facts about well-known events (common knowledge or facts can't be copyrighted while original, or unique wording can)
- Find original sources you can use
- Use an application, <https://www.check-plagiarism.com>, to check for plagiarism

Source: Seton Hall University Library Lib Guides, <https://tinyurl.com/4ean3nb6>

Writing Guidelines

- Paraphrase - interpret main idea in your own words without writing more than two words verbatim, and attribute ideas to their original authors
- Quote sources – list quote exactly as it appears in a primary source, use quotation marks, and add citation (quotes longer than 40 words or block quotes are not usually effective)
- Cite materials – use APA guidelines
- Add references - list needs to include author's name, date of publication, title, and source

Final Reminders

- Take notes when gathering and referencing materials
- Verify that the bibliography is complete with properly cited sources
- Remember that online sources are updated frequently
- Note where the author took the information from and if the ideas have been supported
- Determine if the work is still relevant, up-to-date, and accurate
- Look for inconsistencies and re-phrase statements if needed

Source: Writing Cooperative: 10 Tips for Students: How to Avoid Plagiarism in Your Writing
by Zoe Nixon, <https://tinyurl.com/bdzkw44r>