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**"I need you to do a presentation on the topic of 'plagiarism'.  
If you don't have time to prepare anything, just steal  
something off the Internet."**

# WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?

# Lecture Focus Question

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- What is plagiarism and what are its consequences? Explain.

# Plagiarism is....

- ❑ Using someone else's words as your own
- ❑ Using someone else's ideas as your own
- ❑ Not citing your sources
- ❑ To present as new and original an idea/product derived from an existing source
- ❑ Cheating, whether it's intentional or not!



# Examples of Plagiarism

- ❑ Turning in someone else's work as your own
- ❑ Failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- ❑ Giving incorrect information about the sources of a quotation



# Famous Examples of Plagiarism



**Melania  
Trump**

RNC speech | July 18, 2016



From a young age, my parents impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect. They taught and showed me values and morals in their daily lives. That is a lesson that I continue to pass along to our son," Trump said.

And we need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow. Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."



**Michelle  
Obama**

DNC speech | August 25, 2008

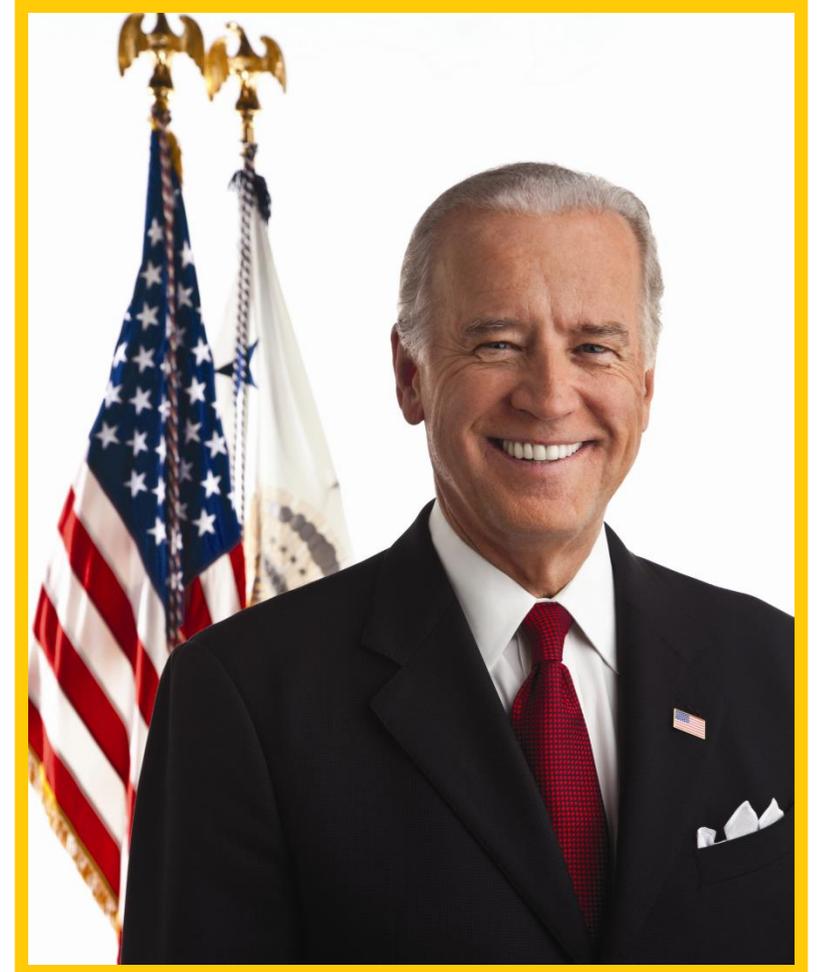


And Barack and I were raised with so many of the same values: that you work hard for what you want in life; that your word is your bond and you do what you say you're going to do; that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don't know them, and even if you don't agree with them.

And Barack and I set out to build lives guided by these values, and to pass them on to the next generation. Because we want our children -- and all children in this nation -- to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."

# Famous Examples of Plagiarism

- Vice President Joe Biden was forced to withdraw from the 1988 Democratic Presidential nominations when it was revealed that he had failed a course in law school due to plagiarism. It was also shown that he had plagiarized several campaign speeches.



# Famous Examples of Plagiarism



- “Blurred Lines” has strong similarities to Marvin Gaye’s 1977 “Got To Give It Up” and Funkadelic’s “Sexy Way”
- Robin Thicke, Pharrell, & T. I. sued by Marvin Gaye’s family and Funkadelic
- Robin Thicke, Pharrell, & T.I. lost – forced to pay \$7 million!

# Famous Examples of Plagiarism

- Madonna sued Lady Gaga for plagiarism for the song “Alejandro” similar to her hit “Like a Prayer.” Lady Gaga says her intention was from the outset to pay tribute to Madonna.



# Ways to Avoid Plagiarism



- Take notes on your reading. Be sure to summarize; never copy word for word unless you plan to use quotes
- Never copy and paste from an online source into your document, unless you are using quotes and citing the author
- **Even when paraphrasing, you should cite the source of an idea unless it is common knowledge**

# Ways to Avoid Plagiarism

- No more than 10% of your paper should be directly quoted.
- When taking notes, keep track of your sources so you will remember them when you start writing.
- If you aren't sure, cite the source!

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**"We live in a microwavable, instant-access world.  
It's time to think of plagiarism as 'prepackaged creativity'!"**

# Citing Sources

- When do I cite a source?
  - ▣ Whenever you include a word, phrase or idea from a source
  - ▣ The source can include a web page, classroom lecture, interview with your dad, a quote or summary from a book, magazine, etc.
  - ▣ Even a single word from someone else, when included in your own essay, needs to be set off with quotation marks and then cited



# Citing Sources

- How do I cite sources?
  - Citing sources consists of 2 parts:
    - An **in-text citation** (includes the author & usually the page #)
    - A “**Works Cited**” or “**Bibliography**” page (included on a separate page at end of essay)

# In-Text MLA Citation

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Professor S. A. Marker

English 101

3 April 2011

How College Writing Differs from High School:

Essays that Welcome Uncertainty and Seek out Debates Lead to True Growth

In high school, teachers who asked me to write personal essays or expository papers typically rewarded what Smith describes as "the emotions and knowledge that the students already know well" (123). On other hand, success in college means being ready to "explore an idea, probe an issue, solve a problem, or make an argument that compels us to turn to outside help" (Gibaldi 2). That phrase "turn to outside help" is a good definition of what it means to research - to search

# MLA Works Cited Page

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## Works Cited

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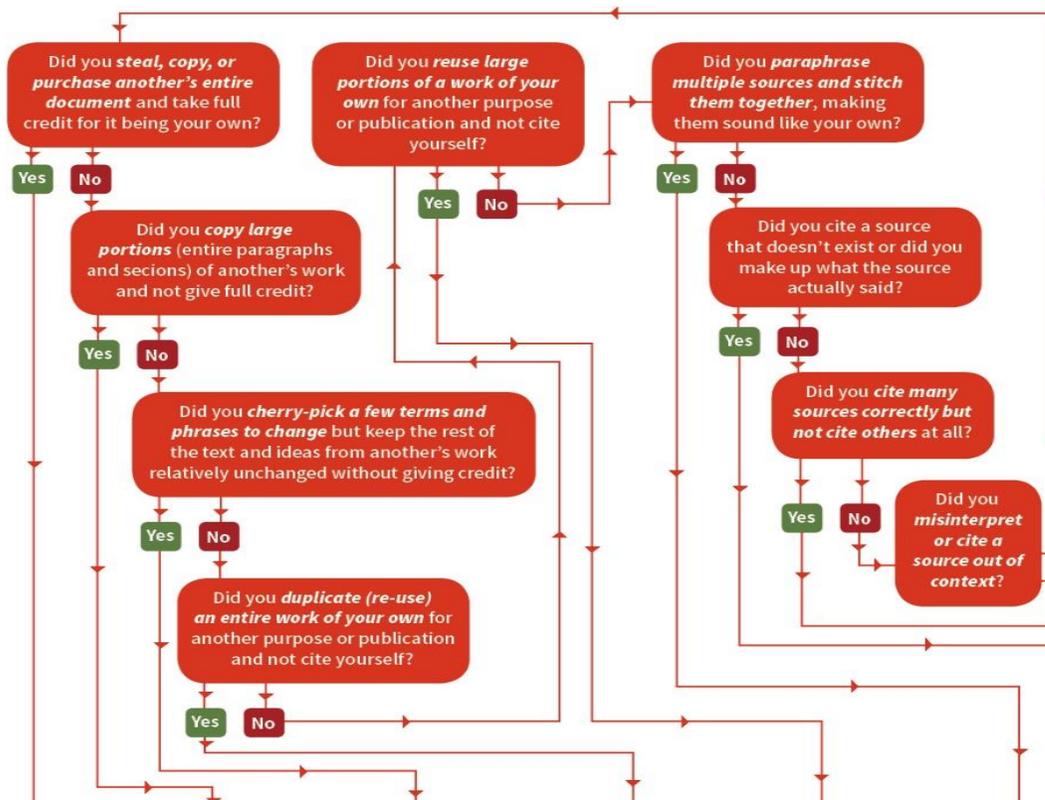
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# Did I Plagiarize?

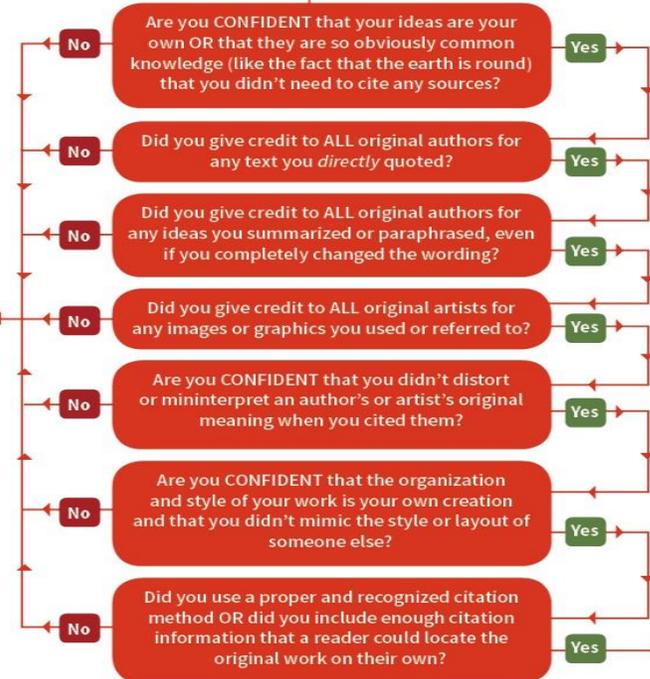
## The Types and Severity of Plagiarism Violations



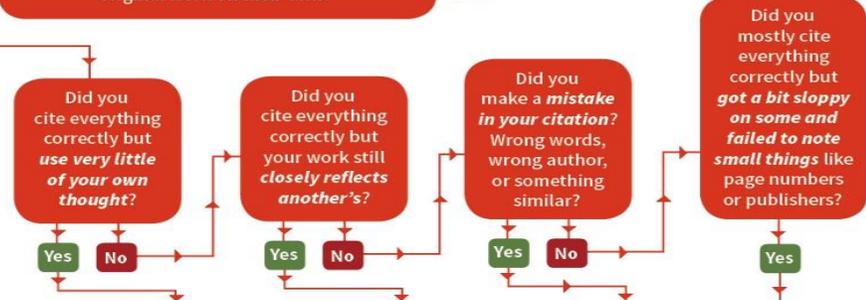
**Yes!** If you couldn't answer "yes" to ALL of the questions to the right (even if you answered "yes" to all but one), then you are most likely in violation of plagiarism standards. Note that even the slightest of plagiarism infractions is serious. Even if you didn't mean to plagiarize or you weren't familiar with all plagiarism standards, you are held accountable. Lack of understanding or intent does not free you from serious penalty. However, not all plagiarism violations are treated with the same severity; some are certainly more severe than others. And repeated infractions, just like with the law, can cause harsher penalties. Follow the chart to the left and below to determine how you plagiarized and how serious it is.

### How Serious Is It?

### Did I Plagiarize?



**No!** If you're confident that what you have written and/or designed is entirely original—in concept, style, structure, diction, and everything else—then you have not plagiarized. Or, if you have used another's ideas to elaborate on or validate your own, but you cite the original author or artist (and you provide their name and all pertinent information so that your reader could locate the original source on their own), then you are also free of plagiarism violations. Plagiarism-free means you have recognized any and all individuals or organizations that influenced your thoughts, writings, and designs and that you have made every effort to cite them according to conventional citation practices.



Identity Theft	Copycat	Cherry-pick	Mitosis	Recycle	Remix	Ghost Citation	Half-n-half	Warp	Mosaic	Reflection	Miscue	Half-hearted
Insanely	Extremely	Terribly	Immensely	Profoundly	Hugely	Remarkably	Very, Very	Very	Quite	Notably	Somewhat	Mildly

### Plagiarism Severity Meter: How Serious Is the Violation?