

PLAGIARISM



ALL sources must be correctly cited. Failure to document your sources is **PLAGIARISM**. If you plagiarize this project, you will receive a ZERO with will result in an “F” for 3rd Quarter. Plagiarism is very serious!

Plagiarism is the act of using another person’s words, expressions, or ideas in your writing (in whole or in part) without acknowledging the source. A research paper is not expected to be filled with your own original ideas, but rather you are seeking out what other people (experts) have said about your topic. This means that most of the information in your paper will need to be documented or cited, whether it is factual or another person’s opinion, and whether it is paraphrased or quoted directly.

Plagiarism usually occurs during the note-taking stage, when it seems easier to copy the exact words without indicating that you are quoting directly. The best way to avoid plagiarism is to follow these guidelines:

- Always put the source on your note card as you record the information.
- For direct quotations, always use quotation marks around the copied material.
- Name or cite your source in the body of your paper.

RECOMMENDED INTERNET SOURCES



Below you will find some great places to start your research online. These sources have been checked and are confirmed as being accurate and up to date. Make sure all of your sources pass the evaluation test too!

Recommended sites with an INTERNATIONAL outlook:

- BBC News @ www.bbc.co.uk
- CIA Fact Book @ www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html
- National Geographic @ www.nationalgeographic.com
- PBS Frontline World @ www.pbs.org/frontlineworld

Recommended sites with a focus on the UNITED STATES:

- Digital History (PRIMARY SOURCES TOO!) @ www.digitalhistory.uh.edu
- Library of Congress @ www.loc.gov
- MN Historical Society @ www.mnhs.org/collections/index.htm
- Presidential Libraries @ www.archives.gov/research