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Essential Instruction

It is a good idea to use your digital notebook to keep notes on plagiarism.

In today's lesson, we will learn about what plagiarism is and how to avoid it.

What is Plagiarism?



Plagiarism. Some of you may already be familiar with this term, which means stealing another person's work and passing it off as one's own. In the academic world, this is a serious offense, and often there are serious consequences for plagiarizing a paper or project. Because of this, it is essential to understand what plagiarism is and how to avoid it.

Plagiarism occurs any time you use another person's words, thoughts, expressions, or ideas as your own without properly crediting that person for his or her work. There are several different forms of plagiarism.

Forms of Plagiarism

The first form of plagiarism may be the one with which you are most familiar: submitting another person's work, word-for-word, as your own. In this form of plagiarism, you take another person's paper, put your name on it, and submit it as your own work. In this form of plagiarism, you are essentially stealing another person's work.

Another similar form of plagiarism occurs when you take another person's work and change a few words or phrases. You may even eliminate a few sentences from the original work. However, the essential content remains the same. Even though you make a few changes to the work, you are still plagiarizing because you are still using another person's work as your own.

A third type of plagiarism occurs when you use passages or sentences from multiple works and piece them together to create a paper. This is still plagiarism because you are claiming other people's work and ideas as your own.

Plagiarism also occurs if you write your paper by paraphrasing information from one or more sources. When you paraphrase, you are taking information from a source and putting it into your own words. Why is this plagiarism? There are two reasons. First, you are not including any original thoughts in your paper. Second, you are not citing the sources that you used, which means that you are stealing another person's ideas and passing them off as your own.

Finally, plagiarism occurs when you do not cite the sources that you use in a paper. Whether it is an expository research paper, a persuasive essay, or an analysis of a poem, if you complete any research for the project, you must credit the sources that you use.

These are just a few types of plagiarism. You can learn more about these and other [types of plagiarism](#).

Consequences of Plagiarism

If you plagiarize a paper, there are consequences for your actions. Those consequences depend on the teacher's policies and the school's policies, and therefore they may differ from place to place. Typical consequences may include failing the assignment, failing the course, or disciplinary actions like detention or suspension. It is important to be aware of your school's policies on plagiarism.

How to Avoid Plagiarism

So how do you avoid plagiarism? There are a few things you can do to make sure you don't plagiarize a paper or project. Here are some guidelines:

- Cite your sources by including in-text citations and a works cited page any time you incorporate research into a paper. When in doubt, cite it!
- Make sure to include original thoughts, opinions, and analyses, even in a research-based paper.
- Never use another person's ideas, thoughts, opinions, or work as your own.

By following these guidelines, you can be sure to avoid plagiarism and properly complete research-based assignments!