

# Plagiarism and APA

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Adapted from James Bradley's "Plagiarism"

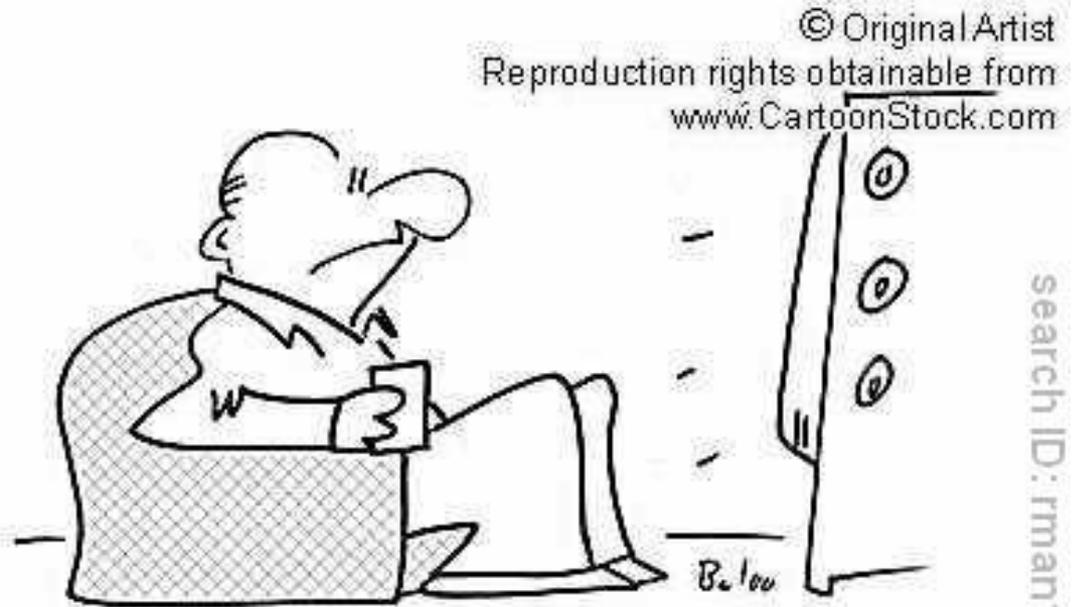
# Plagiarism Defined

- ▶ The wrongful appropriation...and publication as one's own, of the ideas, or the expression of the ideas (literary, artistic, musical, mechanical, etc.) of another.”
- ▶ “...to take and use as one's own the thoughts, writings or inventions of another.”

The Oxford English Dictionary

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**"In an unexpected development today, Doris Kearnes Goodwin plagiarized herself...."**

# Plagiarism Defined

- ▶ “A student must not adopt or reproduce ideas, words, or statements of another person without appropriate acknowledgment. A student must give credit to the originality of others and acknowledge an indebtedness whenever he or she does any of the following:
  - a. Quotes another person's actual words, either oral or written;
  - b. Paraphrases another person's words, either oral or written;
  - c. Uses another person's idea, opinion, or theory; or
  - d. Borrows facts, statistics, or other illustrative material, unless the information is common knowledge.”

“What is plagiarism at Indiana University?”

<http://education.indiana.edu/~frick/plagiarism/index2.html>

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# Statistics

- ▶ 18,000 students were surveyed
  - 70% admitted to cheating on tests
  - 60% admitted to cheating on other types of assignments.
- ▶ “admitted” is the key word
- ▶ Cut and paste plagiarism rose from 10% to 41% from 1999-2001\*



*"I like the writing in that paper. I only wish more of it had been yours."*

<http://atempleton.files.wordpress.com/2008/10/f.png>

[http://www.academicintegrity.org/cai\\_research/index.php](http://www.academicintegrity.org/cai_research/index.php) (under construction)

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# Statistics

- ▶ From Chris Parks' study (2003).



<http://www.unf.edu/dept/cirt/newsletters/Jan09/reportcard%20plagiarism%20cartoon.gif>

<http://www.lanccs.ac.uk/staff/gyaccp/>

(Chris Parks: "In other (people's) words: plagiarism by university students - literature and lessons" )

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- "1986 Haines - more than half self-reported cheating"
- "1995 Brown - 80% of graduate business students"

# Why Do Students Plagiarize?

- ▶ High stakes!
- ▶ Procrastination leads to desperation
- ▶ Instructors using the same assignments
- ▶ Lack of understanding or poor documentation
- ▶ Cultural / Victimless crime - read and hear about other students/professionals committing
- ▶ Lack of enforcement – historically

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“In Other (People’s) Words: plagiarism by university students - literature and lessons,” C. Park

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# Wilmington University

- ▶ Academic Integrity Policy

- ▶ This is also located in the syllabus area of your course in Blackboard.

- ▶ Ask for your instructor's definition

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"I plagiarized my report because I thought it bears repeating."

# When is it not intentional plagiarism?

In the Dean's office . . .

Plagiarism gets you not just an "F," but an "Academic Misconduct F" which can't be removed from your transcript. Did your buddies mention this will keep you out of grad school or law school?

No, I don't think they did . . .



- ▶ Not knowing how to cite sources.
  - Never taught the skills
  - Not understanding when taught
- ▶ Sloppy note-taking.
- ▶ Different ways of using other people's work
  - Some work situations even demand it

<http://www.wpacouncil.org/node/9>

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# When is it not intentional plagiarism?

- ▶ Other countries have other conventions
- ▶ Students trying in “good faith,” but still incorrect
- ▶ Not being able to integrate sources into writing with good style: awkward

## ***Actions that might be seen as plagiarism***

**Buying, stealing, or  
borrowing a paper**

**Using the source too  
closely when  
paraphrasing**

**Hiring someone to  
write your paper**

**Building on someone's  
ideas without citation**

**Copying from another source without citing  
(on purpose or by accident)**

**Deliberate  
Plagiarism**

**Possibly Accidental  
Plagiarism**



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# How does APA fit in?



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- ▶ Formatting
  - APA Paper Template
  - Save As Type must be changed from .dot to .doc
- ▶ Correct Use of Sources
  - In Text Citations
  - References Page

# APA Citations

- ▶ Important: What KIND of source is being used?
- ▶ *Cite As You Go*
- ▶ Citation Generators
  - [Son of Citation Machine](#)
  - [NoodleBib Express](#)
  - [EasyBib](#)



# APA Resources

## ▶ Resources

- Purdue [OWL](#)
- Quick Guide
- *APA Style Manual*
- *APA: The Easy Way*
- *Perrin's Pocket Guide*



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# Good Resources for Students!



*"To respond to the charges: Yes, much of last week's sermon was lifted from Scripture, and no, I don't consider that plagiarism."*

- ▶ Northwestern University
  - [Eight Rules for Your Students](#)
  - [How to Avoid Plagiarism](#)
    - Esp. the blog discussion
- ▶ [Plagiarism.org](#)
  - [facts](#)

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# One last thing....Wikipedia



<http://www.cagle.com/working/080624/fairington.jpg>

Instructors traditionally do not allow use of Wikipedia.

Students are using it anyway, but concealing this from Instructors.

This [article](#) has some interesting information, especially at the end.

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