

Plagiarism Contract

Let's Define Plagiarism

The dictionary defines plagiarism as the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work. This basically means that you are submitting another person's words, ideas, images, or data as your own without giving the original author credit. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Using phrases, quotes, or ideas that are not your own without giving credit to the original source/author.
- Paraphrasing the work of the others even though you may have changed the wording.
- Using facts or data not considered to be common knowledge.
- Cutting and pasting phrases or sentences from a website without giving credit to the original source.

Tips to Avoid Plagiarizing

In order to avoid plagiarizing, use the tips below.

- Make a list of all the books, articles, websites, and other sources you used.
- Ask yourself, "Did I know this information before I read the book/article/website?"
 - If the answer is no, you must cite the source.
- Keep track of which information came from each source.
- When you use sentences exactly as they appear in the source (book/article/website), use quotation marks around them.
- When you summarize information in your own words, don't forget that you still need to list the source and site where the information was found.
- Make sure to use the correct format to cite your sources. Your teacher is a great resource! Ask him or her for help if you need it.

Consequence for Plagiarizing

Plagiarism, a form of stealing, is considered cheating and will not be tolerated. If a student makes the choice to plagiarize, his or her parent/guardian will be contacted. Following the contact, the student will receive a disciplinary consequence. Lastly, the assignment must be redone and submitted within a timely manner.

Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the above information. I understand that if I plagiarize, I will receive a disciplinary consequence and MUST redo the assignment in a timely manner. I understand that if I have any questions regarding plagiarism, it is my responsibility to ask my teacher for guidance.

Student Name (printed) _____

Date _____

Student Signature _____

Relationship to student (below):

Parent/Guardian Signature #1 _____

Parent/Guardian Signature #2 _____
