



ELA Virtual Learning

**6th Grade ELA**

**Citing Sources & Plagiarism**

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### Lesson: May 15, 2020

### **Objectives/Learning Targets:**

#### **Students will:**

- focus on paraphrasing information while avoiding plagiarism.
- write responses using complete sentences with standard spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

# Warm-up

## QuickWrite

On a blank sheet of paper, define plagiarism and what it means to you. Try to include an example.

Write for 2-3 minutes.





# Learn

## What is Plagiarism?

The act of using another person's words or ideas without giving credit to that person.

You may be thinking...

Why is it important to avoid plagiarism if I agree with something someone else said? It can't be *that* big of a deal! BUT... Plagiarism *is* a BIG deal! It is called academic dishonesty. The consequences can include, failing the assignment, failing the entire class/course, or suspension.



# Learn

## How to Avoid Plagiarism?

1. Make sure you understand the assignment and expectations. If you don't, ASK!
2. Use quotation marks for direct quotes.
3. Include the author's last name and page numbers or paragraph numbers to identify exactly where the information was found. Example, (Winfrey 6).
4. If you paraphrase something (put it into your own words) but don't give the writer credit, that is still plagiarism. It's plagiarism because it's not YOUR ideas! When you paraphrase you must include the author's name, the title of the article, or the title of the source. Example, Winfrey, Virtual Graduation, or NEWSELA.

# Practice

## Link-[Virtual Graduation](#)

Read the article linked above.

Remembering to avoid plagiarism, answer the following question on a sheet of notebook paper.



Write a paragraph that explains the main idea of the text. Use *at least* two quotes/details from the article to support your response.



Make sure to credit the person, when you use quotation marks.



# Practice Answer Key

## Sample Proficient Answer (Answers may vary)

*The main idea of the article is that life should go on even in the middle of a pandemic. There are events that need to be held and be important such as prom and graduation. In the article it states, "Across the United States, graduation ceremonies have been canceled or delayed. Plans have changed because of the spread of coronavirus. However, celebrities are coming together to honor the Class of 2020." (NewsELA) This helps support the fact that celebrities want to give back and find a way to make graduations happen across the United States. "The social media giants aren't the only ones getting in on graduation. Her Campus is an online magazine dedicated to college women. It is throwing a virtual commencement ceremony called "#ImStillGraduating," states Oprah Winfrey in her efforts to keep graduations going. She is pointing out that not just celebrities are getting involved.*

# Additional Resources



Click [HERE](#) or the picture to the left to learn more about plagiarism!