

Plagiarism 101

Plagiarism can be *deliberate* OR *accidental*.
If you're using someone else's
words or ideas...

CITE IT.

Direct Quotes are **small bodies of information** copied from other authors, and can range from a **single sentence** to a **full paragraph**.

Paraphrasing is most often used for **medium bodies of information**. You should paraphrase information when you want to avoid over quoting a text, to clarify a passage of text, and to explain the main points of a passage.

Summarizing

Ohio University PressBooks says, "Choose to summarize rather than quote directly when the meaning is more important than the particular language the author used and you don't need to use the author's preeminent authority to bolster your argument at the moment." Summary **must be cited** with in-text citations and on the works cited page.

Paraphrasing V. Summarizing

PARAPHRASE

when you need details and specificity.

SUMMARIZE

when you need to provide a brief overview of a larger text.

Rule of Common Knowledge

According to MIT, "**common knowledge** refers to information that the average, educated reader would accept as reliable **WITHOUT** having to look it up. It includes:

- Information that most people know
- Information shared by a cultural or national group
- Knowledge shared by members of a certain field"

Integrating Quotes + Sources by demonstrating research and **varying** HOW you integrate the research

Integrating sources BEFORE a quote

An **ATTRIBUTOR** is a short phrase before a summary, quote, or paraphrased section of text which identifies the title AND authors name.

EX: In "the Wilderness of Virginia, John Smith says, "...."

An **ABBREVIATED ATTRIBUTOR** only includes the authors name before the quote

EX: "John Smith goes on to say, "....."

If you're still confused, remember...

WHEN IN DOUBT, CITE IT OUT.

SOURCES: <https://writingcenter.gmu.edu/guides/when-to-summarize-paraphrase-and-quote>
<https://ohiostate.pressbooks.pub/choosingsources/chapter/quote-paraphrase-or-summarize/>
<https://integrity.mit.edu/handbook/citing-your-sources/what-common-knowledge>