Plagiarism

Resources:

Learn more about Plagiarism

http://www.plagiarism.org/learning_center/what_is_plagiarism.html

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/02/

http://turnitin.com/research/site/e_faqs.html

Avoiding Plagiarism
1. Use your own words and ideas.

2. Give credit for copied, adapted or paraphrased material.

3. Avoid using others’ work with minor “cosmetic” changes.

4. There are no “freebies.”

5. Beware of “common knowledge.”

6. When in doubt cite.

-UC Davis
Avoiding Plagiarism: Mastering the Art of Scholarship.

Background Information:

Plagiarism is the act of presenting someone else’s work or ideas without giving them credit and saying that it is your own.

Activity:

1. Read the background information on plagiarism provided.

2. Go to two resource websites listed and read about plagiarism. Then answer the following questions:
   a. What is plagiarism? ___________________________________________________________

   b. If you change the wording of the information, does it still have to be cited? Explain your
3. Identify each of the following statements as being plagiarized or not plagiarized.
   a. Original Text: At the start of the Great Depression, many Americans wanted to believe that the hard times would be only temporary.
      Plagiarized or Not? At the beginning of the Great Depression, a lot of Americans wanted to think that the difficult times would not last long.
      Explain your answer: ____________________________________________________________

   b. Original Text: Devices in the iPod range are primarily digital audio players, designed around a central click wheel – although the iPod shuffle has buttons also.
      Plagiarized or Not? An iPod is an MP3 player that lets you choose and play songs to listen to using a click wheel or in older versions, buttons.
      Explain your answer: ____________________________________________________________

   c. Original Text: He was a very silent man by custom.
      Plagiarized or Not? He was usually a quiet man.
      Explain your answer: ____________________________________________________________

   d. Original Text: A letter of thank you is a courteous acknowledgement of a gift or something that was done for you.
      Plagiarized or Not? A thank you note is a polite acknowledgement of a present or something nice someone did for you.
      Explain your answer: ____________________________________________________________

4. Review your answers with an instructor or a tutor in the WRC.

   Instructor / Tutor signature          Date