

Name _____ Period _____

Plagiarism Activity Worksheet

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I. MLA Citation:

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Original Source Material:

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2. Most high schools that offer varsity soccer have a feeder program in the elementary and intermediate grades so that players come to the sport with a good number of skills and knowledge of the rules of the game (Krenkle).

3. "Soccer is quickly gaining popularity in America. More schools continue to add soccer to their list of competitive varsity sports" (Krenkle). _____

4. In American schools today it is more common to see soccer offered as a high school varsity sport. To better prepare their students, these school districts frequently present their students in grades 1 through 8 with the opportunity to learn soccer basics. _____

5. Soccer has become a popular sport in America, with more schools adding soccer to their list of competitive varsity sports. The majority of high schools offering varsity soccer have feeder programs in the earlier grades to teach young players basic skills and the rules of the game (Krenkle). _____

II. MLA Citation:

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6. According to Helms, arid Oklahoma fields have deep chasms that beg for a drink of rain. Farmers are really worried about their livestock. _____

7. Oklahoma has not seen a drop of rain in six weeks. Farmers have lost billions of dollars worth of crops, and the lack of feed for livestock is making many more farmers nervous about the winter months. _____

8. In Oklahoma, "farmers have lost billions of dollars worth of crops, and the lack of feed for livestock is making many more farmers nervous about the winter months" (Helms). _____

9. Oklahoma farmers are worried that they will not be able to feed their animals during the winter because the absence of rain the past six weeks has caused billions of dollars in crop loss (Helms). _____

10. All of Oklahoma has not seen any rain in a month and a half. The dry earth has enormous crevices. Farmers have lost billions because of crop failure, and they are very concerned about whether they will be able to feed their herds during the winter months (Schmidt). _____

Answer Key

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2. Most high schools that offer varsity soccer have a feeder program in the elementary and intermediate grades so that players come to the sport with a good number of skills and knowledge of the rules of the game (Krenkle). [Plagiarized – exact same word as in 3rd sentence of original and not in quotation marks]
3. "Soccer is quickly gaining popularity in America. More schools continue to add soccer to their list of competitive varsity sports" (Krenkle). [Okay]
4. In American schools today it is more common to see soccer offered as a high school varsity sport. To better prepare their students, these school districts frequently present their students in grades 1 through 8 with the opportunity to learn soccer basics. [Plagiarized – paraphrased but still needs citation]
5. Soccer has become a popular sport in America, with more schools adding soccer to their list of competitive varsity sports. The majority of high schools offering varsity soccer have feeder programs in the earlier grades to teach young players basic skills and the rules of the game (Krenkle). [Plagiarized – paraphrased but only a few words have been changed]

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6. According to Helms, arid Oklahoma fields have deep chasms that beg for a drink of rain. Farmers are really worried about their livestock. [Plagiarized – paraphrased – too similar to original – needs rewording or quotations and citation]
7. Oklahoma has not seen a drop of rain in six weeks. Farmers have lost billions of dollars worth of crops, and the lack of feed for livestock is making many more farmers nervous about the winter months. [Plagiarized – paraphrased but entire sentences are copied – should be in quotation marks and cited]
8. In Oklahoma, "farmers have lost billions of dollars worth of crops, and the lack of feed for livestock is making many more farmers nervous about the winter months" (Helms). [Okay]
9. Oklahoma farmers are worried that they will not be able to feed their animals during the winter because the absence of rain the past six weeks has caused billions of dollars in crop loss (Helms). [Okay]
10. All of Oklahoma has not seen any rain in a month and a half. The dry earth has enormous crevices. Farmers have lost billions because of crop failure, and they are very concerned about whether they will be able to feed their herds during the winter months (Schmidt). [Plagiarized – citation is made up because student didn't remember correct source – also sentence structure is too much like the original]

Paraphrase Practice Worksheet

Directions: Read the original text below. Without plagiarizing, write a paraphrase on the lines for each of the original text passages. Be sure to give proper credit to the sources.

Citation:

Greening, Samantha M. "Natural Remedies for What Ails You." *Healthful Todays and Tomorrows* 7 Apr. 2005: 18-21.

Original Text:

"Whether you have morning sickness, motion sickness, or nausea from chemotherapy or radiation therapy, help may be no farther than your refrigerator or kitchen pantry. There are several foods that can help the body mitigate mild to moderate nausea. Pectin is a dietary fiber that occurs naturally in plant cell walls. Fruits such as apples, peaches, plums, and currants are good sources of pectin, as are carrots and potatoes. Ginger, also known as ginger root, is another very powerful plant that works on the digestive tract. Ginger is found in ginger ale, gingersnaps, gingerbread, and certain Chinese dishes. So the next time your stomach is feeling queasy, try reaching for a can of ginger ale, or nibbling a gingersnap cookie, an apple, or a carrot."

Citation:

Burgenni, Patrick K. "Teaching Finance: Whose Responsibility Is It?" *U.S. Education News & Policy* 13 Feb. 2006: 29-33.

Original Text:

"Who should teach children about personal finances? Ideally, it would be the child's parent or guardian. However, many adults do not have the knowledge necessary to teach such concepts. This is evident by the staggering amount of credit card debt in the United States and the astounding number of adults who claim they cannot balance their own checkbook. Many argue that schools must step in and teach personal finance. Adding this requirement to the compulsory curriculum would require that more teachers be hired, which many school districts cannot afford, and would increase the credit requirement for graduation."
