



# Let's Talk About Plagiarism

## What is Plagiarism?

- Incorrectly paraphrasing, summarizing and quoting, or failing to cite something is plagiarism (see [WVU Policy on Student Academic Integrity](#)).
- Plagiarism is about ethical source use
- When you analyze or write about someone else's work, you enter into the conversation.
- So you must acknowledge what you are saying and also what someone else is saying.

## Why Do We Cite?

- Your intellectual property is your original ideas.
- Anyone else's original ideas are their intellectual property.
- Citing is how we acknowledge the intellectual property of others.
- You wouldn't steal a person's physical property, so you shouldn't steal their intellectual property either.

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See "Paraphrasing and Summarizing Using APA Style Handout" for citing instructions!