Vocabulary for Citing Sources

academic honesty = being honest about the (re)sources you used for research

primary sources (resources) = people or original documents, texts, objects, or images which provide information

secondary sources (resources) = books, magazines, websites, etc. where we find ideas

to cite a source = to provide information about the resource from which an idea has been taken

citation = a formal method that follows specific conventions in order to provide detailed information about the source of an idea

full citation = a citation for a single resource which appears in an alphabetized list at the end of a research paper

in-text citation (embedded reference) = a bracketed 'mini-citation' in the body of a paper which contains a small amount of information, referring the reader to a full citation at the end of the paper

Works Cited = an MLA-style alphabetized list of resources which appears at the end of an essay; an alphabetized list of citations

List of References = an APA-style alphabetized list of resources which appears at the end of an essay; an alphabetized list of citations

to paraphrase = to expresses someone else's ideas in your own words

to quote = presenting someone else's ideas, word for word, exactly as they appear in the resource, and surrounded by quotation marks

quotation = an idea copied from a source and surrounded by quotation marks

block quotation = quotation longer than 4 lines, indented 5 spaces from left margin

plagiarism = NOT showing where your ideas come from; NOT citing sources, or citing dishonestly, (misrepresenting source, meaning, etc.)

APA Style = the style of citation defined by the American Psychological Association and used for citation of sources in the following subject areas: Business, Design/Technology, Education, Geography, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, and Social Sciences (e.g. Anthropology, Psychology, etc.)

MLA Style = the style of citation defined by the Modern Languages Association and used for citation of sources in the following Subject areas: the Arts (Art, Drama, Music), English, History, and Languages