

4/24 Rule based reasoning writing assignment. We will do this in class.

From SJSU Plagiarism Tutorial:

“Plagiarism is the act of using someone else's words, sentences, or ideas and passing them off as your own without giving proper credit to the original source. Cutting and pasting is so easy that many people plagiarize without meaning to.”

We can elementize this rule:

- Using someone else's words, sentences or ideas
- Passing them off as your own
- Not giving proper credit to the original source

Structure your answer by devoting a section to each element of the rule. Clearly identify each section. Follow all the rules in *Plain English* in your writing.

We can now apply this rule to these examples:

John finds an article on a website that fits the topic he is assigned in one of his courses. He cuts and pastes the article, puts his name on the paper and turns it in with no quotation marks or footnotes showing it is someone else's idea.

Lucinda finds an article on a website that fits the topic she is assigned in one of her courses. She paraphrases the main ideas in the article, puts her name on the paper and turns it in with no quotation marks or footnotes showing it is someone else's idea.

Maria finds an article on a website that fits the topic she is assigned in one of her courses. She has a photographic memory and later writes the article as a response to an essay question on the final exam, with no quotation marks or footnotes showing it is someone else's idea.

Alex reads the text for the course very carefully, outlines it and memorizes his outline. In his final exam, he uses his outline to construct all his answers.