**Plagiarism** is the use of words, phrases, or ideas belonging to another, without properly citing or acknowledging the source.


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**How to avoid Plagiarism**
- Do your own work
- Be organized - Cite your sources
- Keep track of which ideas and phrases come from which source
- Use online tools like Zotero, Mendeley, or Endnote to help keep track of your sources
- Ask for Help

**Why Cite?**
- By citing sources you uphold intellectual honesty and avoid plagiarism
- Helps organize and track your research process
- Allows others to verify your sources
- Acknowledges the original source, gives credit where credit is due
- Enables citation analysis (aka citation metrics)

**Citations**
- A Citation is a reference to a published or unpublished source.
- Citations come in a variety of formats; there are many accepted citations systems (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.)
- Guides to these citation systems can be found in print or online