



The MGA English Department's Definition of Plagiarism

Integrating the words and ideas of others into your own work is an important feature of academic expression. But plagiarism occurs whenever we incorporate the intellectual property of others into our own work without proper acknowledgment of whose words, ideas, or other original material we are bringing into our work, either with quotation marks and direct mention of the source or through other means of clear and precise acknowledgment.

Plagiarism can of course be a purely intentional attempt at deceit, but whether or not there is conscious intent to deceive, plagiarism occurs *any* time you do not give proper acknowledgment of others' contributions to your work. Ignorance of the responsibility of acknowledging sources is no

3. Plagiarism includes presenting someone else's ideas or factual discoveries as your own. If you follow another person's general outline or approach to a topic, presenting another's original