Ways to plagiarize

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1. Represent something as your own work which is not actually your work (Lying)
   This includes typing in passages from a book; printing out papers from the internet; cutting and pasting from the internet; having someone else write your papers; receiving help from another source and not documenting it. And so on.

2. Use quotations or ideas from another source without giving that source credit (Stealing)
   Example:

   Original quote:
   “In the last play, the Antigone, Sophocles returns to the theme of the first and shows us again what happens when the ostensibly good man succumbs to pride” (Roche, xi).

   Ways to plagiarize this:
   A. Quote it without documenting your source.
      Plagiarized: Blah blah blah. In the last play, the Antigone, Sophocles returns to the theme of the first and shows us again what happens when the ostensibly good man succumbs to pride. Blah blah blah.
      How to avoid this: cite the source. Put the quote in quotation marks; add (Roche, xi) after the sentence; and put Roche on your Works Cited page.
      Legitimate: Blah blah blah. “In the last play, the Antigone, Sophocles returns to the theme of the first and shows us again what happens when the ostensibly good man succumbs to pride” (Roche, xi). Blah blah blah.

   B. Summarize too closely (note: this can be avoided by taking careful notes and documenting the source you are using in your notes).
      Plagiarized: Blah blah blah. In his final play, Antigone, Sophocles comes back to the theme of the first and indicates again when the usually noble man falls to pride. Blah blah blah.
      How to avoid this: cite the source and summarize the idea rather than just substituting words.
      Legitimate: According to Roche, Sophocles frequently depicts proud men who are undone by their pride (Roche, xi).

   C. Use phrases/wording from the author’s sentence:
      Plagiarized: Throughout Antigone, we recognize the theme of what happens when the ostensibly good man succumbs to pride.
      How to avoid this: either put the phrase in quotation marks and cite the source, or summarize the idea and cite the source.
      Legitimate: Roche claims that it is often the case that, in Sophocles’ plays, “the ostensibly good man succumbs to pride” (Roche, xi).
      Or: Roche claims that it is often the case that Sophocles’ characters, although they are good people, are ruined by their pride (Roche, xi).

   D. Take ideas from the author:
      When you consult a source and the author gives you an idea you had not thought of (in this case that in Antigone, Sophocles depicts what happens when men succumb to pride), you need to report that that idea is not your own. This includes ideas from web sites, no matter how trivial (Sparknotes, Amazon, etc). All you have to do to avoid plagiarizing is to report your source.
      Legitimate: As Roche points out, Antigone depicts what happens when good men become too proud (Roche, xi).
      Or: Antigone depicts what happens when good men become too proud (Roche, xi).

When in doubt, cite! Never forget a Works Cited!