

Plagiarism - Pre-test

Determine whether the information described in each case will require citation of the source. Write Yes or No on the blank line.

1. You clearly identify the source at the beginning of a paragraph that summarizes the author's ideas about teenage drinking. Since readers will naturally assume all of the ideas in the paragraph are from the source, no additional citation is necessary. 1. _____
2. In your paper on the history of aviation you state the date of the Wright brothers' first successful flight at Kittyhawk. 2. _____
3. You create and distribute a survey at your school about the cafeteria food, and you include the results in your paper. 3. _____
4. You skim a 325-page book entitled *Using the Internet*. A major theme throughout the book is that the Internet is an important technological achievement. You include this in your paper. 4. _____
5. You rephrase into your own words information that is from a government document published in the 1930s. The information is not copyrighted and is considered to be in the public domain. 5. _____
6. In a paper on the civil rights movement you find some general, well-known background information in an encyclopedia. It is obviously common knowledge, so you copy the information and include it in your paper. 6. _____
7. You talk to your mother about the steps she went through in obtaining a bank loan for a new car. You include this information in your paper. 7. _____
8. You are writing a paper on the topic of poverty in developing countries. On the Internet you find a photograph of an unidentified child and you decide to use it. 8. _____
9. In your paper you decide to include the saying "A penny saved is a penny earned," which you find scrolling through *Bartlett's Quotations* on the Internet. 9. _____
10. You find an article that takes the same position you have taken on the subject of gun control. To save time you summarize in your paper a portion of the argument from the article since the author's ideas are identical to your own. 10. _____
11. You identify the source in parentheses at the end of a paragraph of several sentences that summarizes an author's objections to standardized testing in schools. Is any additional citation required? 11. _____
12. You find a chart from an almanac that shows the monthly ups and downs of the stock market in the year 1986. In your paper you mention only the fact that the stock remained fairly stable during this time. 12. _____