

EXERCISE: Paraphrasing to Avoid Plagiarism

Name: _____ Course: _____ Date: _____

WHY PARAPHRASE?

- For emphasis
- To simplify material
- To clarify material
- To stay consistent with your paper's style or level

PARAPHRASING POINTERS:

- Read the text several times to familiarize yourself with it
- Outline the passage using your own words
- Rearrange the outline to reflect your emphasis
- Write out your paraphrase using your memory
- Check your results with the original text
- Start by crediting the author (*e.g., According to Tom Smith,...*)

LET'S PRACTICE

Take the following passage and paraphrase the text (*incorporating at least two concepts or sentences from the original*). Then use the bibliographic information to create a citation for your bibliography.

SOURCE: Square, stuffed, thin, frozen, Americans just adore pizza. Gayles M.B. Hanson. *Insight on the News* v12.n25 (July 1, 1996): pp42(2).

ORIGINAL TEXT: We consume more than 300 million pounds of pepperoni with ours every year, but every culture puts its own imprimatur on this most versatile food that has risen from humble origins to conquer the world. In Japan they like it with eel or squid. Pakistanis prefer theirs with curry. Russians crave red herring. The French garnish with eggs. And down under in Australia, a topping of shrimp and a bit of pineapple is quite popular. From Tuscany to Timbuktu, everybody is eating it one way or another. Pizza, that is. From its beginning as a humble, open-faced tomato pie, pizza has become one of the most popular foods in the world. But if its roots are Italian, its popularity has reached a zenith in the United States where, according to the National Association of Pizza Operators, or NAPO, Americans eat 100 acres of it daily. The healthy appetite for pizza makes it a \$30 billion industry, which is a lot of dough.

AVOID:

- Changing only some or a few words
- Changing words but keeping the same sentence structure or order of content
- Adding ideas or explanation not found in the source

1. YOUR PASSAGE:

2. YOUR CITATION: