

## EXAMPLES OF IMPROPER AND PROPER INTEGRATION OF SOURCES IN APA FORMAT

### Original Source

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### Plagiarized Version (1)

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*This is plagiarized because the writer took almost every word from the original source and presented them as his/her own without quoting and citing the source.*

### Plagiarized Version (2)

Many times students are instructed to utilize not only their intuition to decide whether a text is biased but to check the credentials of writers as well as the reputation of the larger source in which the article appears.

*This is plagiarized because the writer used several original phrases (underlined) without quotes or a citation. The paraphrased parts are also unacceptable because they follow the exact same order of the original text.*

### Correct Paraphrase

In order to establish whether or not a text is partial to a certain perspective, students are told to research the qualifications and reputation of the author and the larger source the text appears in, as well as to let their instincts guide them in making the decision (McCormick, 1994, p. 43).

*This is an acceptable paraphrase because the writer did not use any original phrasing and changed the order of the way in which the ideas were presented. There is also a proper citation at the end of the paraphrase to give credit to the author of the idea.*

### Correct Quote

McCormick (1994) discusses how the reliability of sources are addressed in the classroom, stating that “Students are often instructed not only to use their intuition to determine if a text is biased but also to check the credentials of authors and the respectability of the publication in which the article occurs” (p. 43).

*This is an acceptable integration of a quote because the writer introduced it with his/her own words, properly inserted quotation marks around the words and phrasing that were not his/her own, and provided proper citation information.*

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<sup>1</sup> McCormick, K. (1994). On a topic of your own choosing and with a clear position of your own, use at least seven unbiased, accurate, and authoritative sources to write a balanced and objective paper that gives a complete picture of the subject you are investigating. In J. Clifford & J. Schilb (Eds.), *Writing theory and critical theory* (pp. 33-52). New York: The Modern Language Association of America.

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