

PARAPHRASE AND QUOTATION ASSIGNMENT

ENGL 102.1

WRITING AND RESEARCH

This assignment consists of selections from various pages and readings in your research paper sources. If you have been doing the research properly, you have already begun reading all of this material. However, reading material and understanding material are not the same thing. You **MUST** understand an author in order to paraphrase them effectively. You cannot simply skim these readings and expect to do good paraphrases. Be sure to read and re-read until you do understand.

Find any **5** pieces of information that you have found from your research sources and do the following to them (these **5** pieces of information should come from at least **3** different sources):

1. Copy one paragraph from the source that includes information that you might want to use in your research paper. Write the section out **EXACTLY** as it is written in the original. If you are using a computer, feel free to cut and paste them from the original.
2. Take **one piece** of specific information from the original information and write a direct quote using those exact words, making sure to properly introduce and punctuate the information.
3. Take the **same** information that you've just quoted and write it again, **paraphrasing** it into your own words.

Example:

Original source (<http://www.capitalismmagazine.com/science/energy/5195-The-Real-Culprit-Our-Gasoline-Woes-Environmentalists.html>): One thing is certain: oil companies are not to blame for high gas prices. These companies are responsible for producing the gasoline we need. In California, where gas prices are among the highest in the nation, the oil industry has been repeatedly investigated to find evidence of "price manipulation"(four times in 2003 alone) and none has ever been found.

Direct Quote: According to professor of economics Brian Simpson, "...the oil industry has been repeatedly investigated to find evidence of 'price manipulation' (four times in 2003 alone) and none has ever been found" (par. 2).

Paraphrase: Even with multiple investigations into price fixing, no oil company has been found guilty of manipulating the price of gas in recent years(Simpson par. 2).

Submit these 5 sets of quotes and paraphrases, **in this format**, to your instructor for evaluation.

A successful paraphrase/quotation assignment will:

- Give a section of the original source (between 3 sentences and one paragraph in length)
- Directly quote a single sentence/idea from the original, longer section
 - Properly format and punctuate the direct quote
 - Clearly identify the source (and their credentials) as part of the direct quote
- Paraphrase the information that you have directly quoted
 - Communicate the main idea in your own language
 - Accurately present the information from the original source
 - Limit the use of the same words/vocabulary/phrases as the original source
- Format the three sections according to the example given on this sheet
- Cite both the direct quote and paraphrase accurately using either MLA or APA style in-text citations

All three steps need to be done for 5 different pieces of information from at least 3 different sources that you have found for your research paper