

# Plagiarism

## Plagiarism Definition



“Plagiarism is presenting another person’s ideas, information, expressions, or entire work as one’s own. It is thus a kind of fraud: deceiving others to gain something of value” (*MLA Handbook* 6-7).

According to the FHS Student Handbook, “the penalty for the first offence is one day of Saturday school and a zero on the assignment. The VP will determine the consequence. Additional offenses will result in more severe and progressive disciplinary action, up to and including suspension” (*FHS Student Handbook* 27).

## Three Common Types of Plagiarism

Original Quotation from the *Gettysburg Address*:

“Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal” (Lincoln).

### 1. Word-for-Word Copying

Eighty-seven years ago our new nation was conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

*Note: Here you should use quotation marks around the underlined text above and add a parenthetical citation, because you have used your source’s original wording.*

### 2. Paraphrasing Without Citation

Almost a hundred years ago when our ancestors created the constitution, they built it on the foundation of equality among all people.

*Note: Since you are paraphrasing your source’s original idea, you must add a parenthetical citation even though you have completely rephrased the original text.*

### 3. Mosaic Plagiarism

America was dedicated to liberty and conceived with the idea that all men are created equal. In fact, our people have been loyal to that proposition ever since our fathers brought forth a new nation on this continent.

*Note: The underlined words are taken directly from the text. Here again you should use quotation marks around the original text and add a parenthetical citation because you still have used much of your original question.*