Basic Rules for Avoiding Plagiarism

Cite Your Sources

You should give credit to a source whenever you use someone else's work or idea that is not common knowledge. This includes any time you use or refer to information that comes from

- interviews.
- Internet sites.
- chat room conversations.
- radio or television programs.
- personal letters.
- speeches.
- books.
- magazines.
- newspapers.
- tape, video, or CD recordings.
- electronic databases.
- basically any source.

Don't forget to give credit any time you use any of the following that come from another source:

- Quotations
- Statistics
- Graphs
- Pictures
- Ideas or hypotheses
- Stories
- Lists

For additional information about citing sources and plagiarism, consult these education web sites:

http://www.plagiarism.org
This website bills itself as, "the online resource for educators concerned with the growing problem of Internet plagiarism."

University of California at Davis
http://sja.ucdavis.edu/avoid.htm

Purdue University
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_plagiar.html

Rutgers University
http://newark.rutgers.edu/~ehrlich/plagiarism598.htm

Northwestern University
http://www.northwestern.edu/uacc/plagiar.html

Georgetown University
http://www.georgetown.edu/honor/plagiarism.html

Troy University
http://www.troyst.edu/writingcenter/data/Plagiarism.doc