Group Activity

Create an excerpt of five or more paragraphs from the assigned reading and number each paragraph. Give each group its own instructions for citing from the paragraphs. Make sure that groups do not know what other groups are doing.

a. Have groups “accidentally” misuse the source and then also correctly work with the source. See examples below.

b. Then pass each group’s work to another group and have that group try to identify the problem.

c. Have groups report their conclusions about their peers’ work with sources.

GROUP 1

1. Working with paragraph 1, paraphrase by plagiarizing the language of the paragraph.

2. Working with the same paragraph, use direct quotation to accurately and briefly represent the most important idea.

GROUP 2

1. Working with paragraph 2, accurately paraphrase to represent the most important idea.

2. Working with paragraph 3, using direct quotation, misrepresent the most important idea.

GROUP 3

1. Working with paragraph 4, paraphrase by plagiarizing the language of the paragraph.

2. Working with paragraph 5, use direct quotation to accurately and briefly represent the most important idea.