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PARAPHRASING, MLA, & DOCUMENTATION PRACTICE

Paraphrasing is a necessary skill when using research to support your ideas and arguments. It helps you to include "experts'" ideas that agree with your own without stealing the ideas or committing plagiarism. What is paraphrasing?

Paraphrasing:

"Putting something spoken or written into different words having the same meaning" ("paraphrase").

When you paraphrase you **MUST** do the following:

- Stay true to the original meaning without using the same exact words.
- Put quote marks around any original words or word phrases that you cannot paraphrase because the adjective, label or meaning must remain the same.
- Include a proper in-text citation at the end of the statement you paraphrased to give credit to the original source and to separate out that idea from your own explanation of the borrowed information.

EXAMPLE: Original source: *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* by Robert Southey

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Goldilocks. She went for a walk in the forest. Pretty soon, she came upon a house. She knocked and, when no one answered, she walked right in. At the table in the kitchen, there were three bowls of porridge. Goldilocks was hungry. She tasted the porridge from the first bowl. "This porridge is too hot!" she exclaimed. So, she tasted the porridge from the second bowl. "This porridge is too cold," she said. So, she tasted the last bowl of porridge. "Ahhh, this porridge is just right," she said happily and she ate it all up (Southey 2).

PARAPHRASE #1: Paraphrase with some direct quoting used.

In Southey's book *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, Goldilocks helps herself to some of the bear's breakfast that she finds on the table. She samples some from three bowls, finding one "too hot!" another "too cold" and the third "just right" (Southey 2).

PARAPHRASE #2: No direct quoting used.

The character Goldilocks in the tale *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* helps herself to some of the bears' breakfast, but as a result of the varying temperatures, she only finds one that is to her liking (Southey 2).

Works Cited

Last name, first. *Title of Book*. Publishing city: Publisher, copyright date. Medium (print or web).

Southey, Robert. *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. New York: Classics Illustrated Junior, 1983.

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Children's Story MLA/Documentation Practice (30pts)

Directions: Do each of the following and type responses to each on a googledoc, print, and turn in☺.

1. Set this paper up in MLA (act as though the bottom of this assignment is a full sheet of paper). (5pts)
2. Choose a children's story and read it.
3. Write a direct quote (word for word what is written, in quotes) and cite it correctly using an in-text citation. (3pts)
4. Paraphrase a portion/page of the story and cite that as well using a correct in-text citation. (3pts)
5. Using your Documentation handout or agenda book, create a works cited page for this "book with one author." (10pts)
6. Choose one word from the story and use dictionary.com to define it; make sure you put the in-text citation. Put quotes if your definition is word for word. (4pts)
7. Use your agenda book to add this dictionary source to your works cited page using the format Mrs. Foley shared with you. (5pts)