



Vocabulary

Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

almanac a yearly publication that contains a variety of information about a particular year

atlas a collection of maps bound together

bibliography a list or collection of all articles, books, and other sources checked for information or ideas while researching topics or subjects

criteria rules or tests used to make a judgment; standards used to evaluate something

direct quotation the use of the exact words someone has written or spoken

encyclopedia works that provide general articles on a wide variety of subjects; *specialized encyclopedias* contain a wide variety of articles on a particular subject or field of study

in-text citations a way of showing any material in your report which you have borrowed from a source; the citation allows readers to locate the fuller description of the source on the *Works Cited page*

paraphrase the use of your own words to retell detail information or ideas from a *text*



- plagiarism**..... to use someone else’s information, ideas, or work without giving credit to the writer
- source** a book, chapter in a book, article in a magazine or journal, video, television program, interview, Internet web site, or any written work or person from which you get information or ideas
- summary** the use of your own words to capture concisely the main ideas of a *text*
- text** an article, essay, book, or any other written work
- thesis statement**..... a statement that tells your readers what you believe about a topic; a statement that makes a claim about your topic; a statement that tells readers what a report or other text will discuss and support
- topic sentence** a statement that tells readers the main point or claim of a paragraph; the rest of the paragraph discusses and supports this main point or claim
- transitions**..... words or phrases that bridge or link one sentence to another sentence or one paragraph to another paragraph
- Works Cited page** a page at the end of an essay, article, pamphlet, or book that lists in alphabetical order all the sources cited within the *text*