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Tips for Avoiding Plagiarism

- Learn the citation expectations for each course.
- When you take notes for a paper, be sure to cite sources so you don't get mixed up later.
- When you research online, be sure to find the original source of the information (Many Websites Plagiarize).
- If you are really worried, ask your prof if you can submit a rough draft so she /he can check your citations.
- When in doubt, cite! It is better to have too many citations than few.