Plagiarism

According to the web:

• The false presentation of someone else's writing as one's own. In the case of copyrighted work, plagiarism is illegal.
www.sedgeband.com/glossary.html

• Presenting the words or ideas of someone else as your own without proper acknowledgement of the source.
www.sunysb.edu/library/tutorial/glossary/index.html

• Plagiarism involves using the work of another person and presenting it as one's own. Any of the following acts constitutes plagiarism unless the source of each quotation or piece of borrowed material is clearly acknowledged:
www.international.mq.edu.au/oneworld/currentstudents/glossary.aspx

• Plagiarism is the act of copying or borrowing the work or ideas of another author without acknowledgement. Students who are writing essays, reports, dissertations or theses must list their sources, such as books and journal articles, in a list of references appended to their work.
www.swan.ac.uk/lis/helpandtraining/resource_guides/GlossaryM-Z/

•The willful act of presenting another person's work as one's own.
www.athabascau.ca/handbook/glossary.htm

• Plagiarism is when someone uses someone else's writing or ideas and pretends that they are their own.
Universities are very keen that students should not cheat in this way and so if you do any writing (essays, reports, etc) then you should always reference your source of information
www.abdn.ac.uk/aim4uni/terms.shtml

In Mrs. Reed's Class:
Plagiarism is when you copy more than 8 consecutive words and do not tell me the source it came from!!!

Points will be deducted in correlation with plagiarized to independent thought ratio of your specific paper unless otherwise noted on assignment.

See below for information on proper citation

MLA

Due to recent issues with plagiarism, all essay options must now be completed using MLA format. This means that if you are using a source word for word, you must put the quote in "quotations" and tell me the source it came from.
If you do not do this your paper will be considered plagiarized and you will receive a considerable deduction in points if any credit is awarded at all.

*Be advised, this does not mean that you can copy your entire paper and put it in "quotes"!!!

Here are the basic guidelines for MLA citations, if you have further questions or comments you can either ask me, or consult
http://www.thewritesource.com/mla.htm

Or

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/

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For example:
In the text of your paper:
The first gambling Web site appeared in 1995, and online gambling has since become the most lucrative Internet business (Will 92).

or,

George Will reported that in 2002 Internet gambling surpassed pornography to become the Internet's most lucrative business (92).

In your Works Cited list:
Will, George F. "Electronic Morphine." Newsweek 25 Nov. 2002: 92.
The following examples are based on the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed., by Joseph Gibaldi. (Ref LB2369 .G53 2003) The numbers in [ ] refer to the appropriate chapters in the handbook.

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