

What is Plagiarism and how can I avoid it?

I. What is plagiarism or cheating?

- a) Copying anyone's answers to homework, quizzes, tests, or projects
- b) Cutting / Pasting OR re-typing any website and turning it in as your work
- c) using any source (internet, book, or other) without citing it—even if you paraphrase parts of it!
- d) having pre-written answers written beforehand and using them on a quiz, test, etc.
- e) Texting answers—or questions—during a quiz, test, or other assignment
- f) using any electronic device (cell phone, iPad, etc.) to help you answer questions during a quiz or test
- g) anything where you don't do your own work but call it yours

II. Why is plagiarism bad?

- a) it doesn't give credit to the person whose work you stole
- b) it violates the school rules and it will get you in trouble
- c) it violates the trust your teachers have in you
- d) you are not learning the material yourself
- e) you are not being a good citizen

III. Why your teachers don't like to catch you...

- a) it hurts their feeling; they are disappointed in you
- b) it insults their intelligence; they know what you write like
- c) it means they HAVE to give you a Q and you will be punished

d) it means they have to call your parents and they will get upset / disappointed in you, too

e) it means you will get in serious trouble with the administration

f) "Academic misconduct" goes on your transcript that you'll send for college one day

g) you won't be able to get into NHS (which means National Honors Society) with an honor code violation on your record

h) they really don't want your grades to go down

IV. Why your teachers will still turn you in... (but will be very sad)

a) you broke their rules and GHS's rules, and that is not right

b) you should not get credit for work you did not do!

c) it is unfair to students who did all of their own work

d) hopefully you will learn from your mistakes

e) because GHS policy says so

f) because it is morally wrong

V. How to avoid plagiarism for your research paper:

-- Take notes from sources in your OWN words or use quotation marks.

--DON'T write your paper with a friend. You might end up with some too similar phrases

--DO turn your paper in to turnitin.com early and check over the report

--DO have a parent read over your work!

I understand how to avoid plagiarism and the consequences if I do plagiarize.

Signature: _____