

Examples of Plagiarism and Correct Version

ORIGINAL
MATERIAL

“Wuthering Heights is the most remarkable novel in English. It is perfect and perfect in the rarest way: it is the complete bodying forth of an intensely individual apprehension of the nature of man and life. That is to say, the content is strange enough, indeed baffling enough, while the artistic expression of it is flawlessness.”

PLAGIARIZED

The most remarkable novel in English is Wuthering Heights. It brings forth an individual apprehension of the nature of man and life. Therefore, it is perfect in the rarest way. The artistic expression is flawless, but the content is strange, indeed baffling.

NOTE: This is the worst form of plagiarism. The student has simply reversed the order of each sentence, retaining the essential phrasing with no documentation whatever, which implies that these are the student’s own words and phrasing.

PLAGIARIZED

Wuthering Heights is a great English novel. It is perfect in the rarest way: it provides an individual apprehension of man’s nature. The artistic expression is flawless, although the content is strange and baffling (Alan 223).

NOTE: This is also unacceptable, even though the student has documented the citation, he has obviously copied almost directly from the source, just changing only a few words and phrases.

ACCEPTABLE

Walter Allen insists that the “artistic expression” of Wuthering Heights is perfect, and admits that the content is odd and even confusing. He further argues that the novel is without fault because it accurately presents “an intensely individual apprehension of the nature of man and life.” (Allen 223)