HOW TO USE SOURCES RESPONSIBLY

SCENARIOS

Mark had to write a science report on volcanoes. He used an online encyclopedia to find an article. He copied the sections of the article in a word document. He also cut and pasted a picture from the article into his document. Did Mark use the source responsibly? Why or why not? Explain the steps he should have taken if he plagiarized.

Victoria had to create a PowerPoint for class on earthquakes. She found an excellent article from Grolier Online and read it. She took notes from the article. Then she wrote the text for the PowerPoint slide in her own words and included a bibliography at the end. Did Victoria use the source responsibly? Why or why not? Explain the steps she should have taken if you believe she plagiarized.

Jose had to write an essay on the Salem Witch Trials. He used a website and a book to write his essay in his own words. He did not include a bibliography. Did Jose use the source(s) responsibly? Why or why not? Explain the steps he should have taken if he plagiarized.

Molly had to create a digital book report on the President. She found a really good quote from a magazine article she wanted to use in her report so she made certain to put the two sentences in quotation marks. Then she wrote the next paragraph in her own words. She did not include the magazine article in her bibliography. Did Molly use the source responsibly? Why or why not? Explain the steps she should have taken if she plagiarized.

Shonda had to write a personal essay on why she thinks global warming is a threat to the environment. She supported her opinion with quoted passages and statistics from two different sources and cited the sources right after the quoted passages. She included the sources in her bibliography. Did Shonda use the source(s) responsibly? Why or why not? Explain the steps she should have taken if she plagiarized.