**Technology (Grade 9)**

**Activity II: Is it Plagiarism?**

Learning Target: I can identify plagiarism

Placing quotes around a sample of someone else’s work….

**“Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV)** is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is a rare illness in humans, and only a few cases are reported in the United States each year. Most cases occur in the Atlantic and Gulf Coast states. Most persons infected with EEEV have no apparent illness. Severe cases of EEE (involving encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain) begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills, and vomiting. The illness may then progress into disorientation, seizures, or coma. EEE is one of the most severe mosquito-transmitted diseases in the United States with approximately 33% mortality and significant brain damage in most survivors.” ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov))

**The number of words from your own voice should FAR outnumber anything in quotes.**

1. Does that happen here?
2. What does the use of quotes say about the person who used the information from the CDC? Does it show they understand? What else does it say about the person’s character?
3. Could this information have been rewritten in the person’s own voice?
4. Rewrite the sentence “Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEV) is transmitted to humans by the bite of a mosquito”
5. Are there any sentences or phrases that can’t be written in the person’s own voice?
6. If you rewrite and rephrase the entire paragraph, why do you still have to cite your source?
7. Why is it plagiarism when you copy a source from online?
8. Why is it plagiarism to copy a textbook?
9. Why is it plagiarism to copy your lab partner’s work?
10. Other than giving credit to the original author, why is it important to cite your sources?
11. What are the consequences for plagiarizing at Newington High School?
12. What are the consequences for plagiarizing in college?
13. What are the consequences for plagiarizing online?
14. Who could you ask about copyright laws?

Copyright and Plagiarism Resources

Copyright Laws:

<http://www.copyright.gov/laws/>

Plagiarism (check for plagiarism)

<http://www.plagiarism.org/>

Sample cases of plagiarism

<http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/communitystandards/integrity/plagiarism-samples>

Examples of how to avoid plagiarism

<http://library.tamu.edu/help/help-yourself/using-materials-services/online-tutorials/academic-integrity/academic-integrity-4.html>