Our students are encouraged and expected to be ethical users of information
State Standards
English: 6.2, 6.9, 7.6, 7.9, 8.3, 8.5, 8.9
Soc. Studies: USI.1, USII.1, CE.4

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Avoiding Plagiarism: What Do I Need to Cite?

Avoiding Plagiarism

What is Plagiarism?

Why We Cite Sources

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