

AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

The following are examples of putting common knowledge information into your own words. You must always use your own words if you do not intend to cite your source; otherwise, you are committing plagiarism—cheating.

In order to avoid plagiarism, I am telling you that Mr. Scully did the research and writing for the following examples.

An internet web page says:

At the turn of the century, the California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) population began to plummet after decades of wanton shooting and poisoning. While habitat loss is a factor and limits the total population, the habitat that remains is still intact to sustain a population of condors.

Academic Integrity Violations:

- (1) The California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) population began to plummet at the turn of the century after many years of shooting and poisoning. Habitat loss is a part of it and limits the total population, but the habitat that remains is intact to keep a population.
- (2) *Gymnogyps californianus*, the condor, population decreased rapidly after decades of wanton hunting and killing. Loss of habitat is a factor and limits the population; the habitat that remains is still there to sustain a group of them.

Your Own Words:

The California condor may be on the way to recovery today, but it suffered greatly about a hundred years ago. Apparently a lot of people were going out and just shooting them and killing them with poison. The condors do not have as much habitat to live in any more, but it is still enough so that some of them could survive in the wild.