

Elements of a Research Paper

 What to do with your information
(how to avoid plagiarizing)

Direct Quote



Quote word for word from the text

- One source states, "blah, blah, blah" (Harper 2).
- Before J.K. wrote Harry Potter, "[s]he was a single mom just trying to make ends meet for her two children" (Dumbledore).

**TIPS!

- Quotes go BEFORE parenthetical citation
- Punctuation goes AFTER parenthetical citation
- Use page number if source is a print format

Summary

Summarizes only the main points of the original text

Shorter than the original text



**TIPS!

- Read the text first (or section of text)
- Cover up text
- Jot down important facts that you remember

Summary

"A single mother living in Edinburgh, Scotland, Rowling became an international literary sensation in <u>1999</u> when the first three installments of her <u>Harry Potter</u> children's book series took over the top three slots of *The New York Times* <u>best-seller list</u> after achieving similar success in her native United Kingdom. The phenomenal response to Rowling's books culminated in July 2000, when the fourth volume in the series, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, became the <u>fastest-selling book in history</u>."

J.K. Rowling, a single mother, became a world-wide bestselling author in 1999 after her first three Harry Potter books were published. The fourth book broke sales records and solidified her fame ("J.K. Rowling Biography").

Paraphrase

- Paraphrases (put in your own words) the original text in detail
- About the same length as the original text
 - Includes more specifics than a summary



**TIPS!

- Start w/ your summary notes
- Re-read the text again—paying attention to details
- Hide text and add details to your notes

Paraphrase



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Pop Quiz!

What is the difference between a direct quote, a paraphrase, and a summary?

When do you have to cite sources?





