Write an essay with length 1500 to 2000 words on the topic of *plagiarism*. (See general guidelines for essays.)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Read about plagiarism on the following two sites:
1. [http://plagiarism.org/](http://plagiarism.org/) (A set of PowerPoint slides summarizing material on this site is posted on the course web site.)
4. Find another source on plagiarism and read about plagiarism on the site.

**CONTENT:** You may organize your essay as you wish, but include at least the following information.
1. Definitions of plagiarism
2. Examples of plagiarism
3. Suggestions for avoiding plagiarism
4. Examples of cases in which people were caught & punished
5. Your thoughts and/or opinion and/or how plagiarism may affect the work you do in your college courses (approximately 100 words)
6. Include a table or spreadsheet containing some statistics related to plagiarism.

Be sure to cite (reference) all of your quotes and other information you use from the 4 sources. At the end of essay, list your sources as shown in the material you studied.

**FORM:** Review "Essay Guidelines." Use 12 point Comic Sans font. Side margins ½ inch; top and bottom margins ¾ inch. Single spaced. Centered header in 18 point font – NOT Comic Sans. Header should be as follows:

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PLAGIARISM
Your name
Date submitted
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The essay must have one hyperlink to an article on plagiarism embedded in the body of the essay. You must include one table or spreadsheet (your choice) containing some statistics related to plagiarism.