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CASE 1:

SOURCE: Shelley, Mary. **Frankenstein**. Ed. J. Paul Hunter. New York and London: W. W. Norton & Co., 1996. 70.

ORIGINAL: *"I greedily devoured the remnants of the shepherd's breakfast, which consisted of bread, cheese, milk, and wine; the latter, however, I did not like."*

Student Writing Sample:

In his tale, Frankenstein's monster recounts how he greedily devoured the remnants of the shepherd's breakfast, thus, showing his extreme hunger.

Does this writing sample use sources correctly?

NO. The student here is using a word-for-word quotation (i.e. "*greedily devoured the remnants of the shepherd's breakfast*") to support the claim that Frankenstein's monster suffered from extreme hunger. **While the claim belongs to the student, the phrasing of the evidence belongs to Shelley; to avoid plagiarism, therefore, this direct quotation needs to be set off by quotation marks and properly documented.**

CASE: 2

Source: "Michelangelo." *The National Gallery*. 30 May 2005.

<http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/cgi-bin/WebObjects.dll/CollectionPublisher.woa/wa/artistBiography?artistID=485>.



Marcello Venusti, 'Portrait of Michelangelo', 1535.
Florence, Casa Buonarroti.

**MICHELANGELO
1475 - 1564
ITALIAN, FLORENTINE
A PAINTER, ON PANEL
AND IN FRESCO, A
SCULPTOR, ARCHITECT
AND POET,
MICHELANGELO
BUONARROTI WAS THE
FIRST ARTIST
RECOGNIZED BY
CONTEMPORARIES AS A
GENIUS.**

Student Writing Sample:



Figure 1

Evidence from contemporary portraits of Michelangelo suggest that he dressed simply and possessed a frank, open gaze (Figure 1).

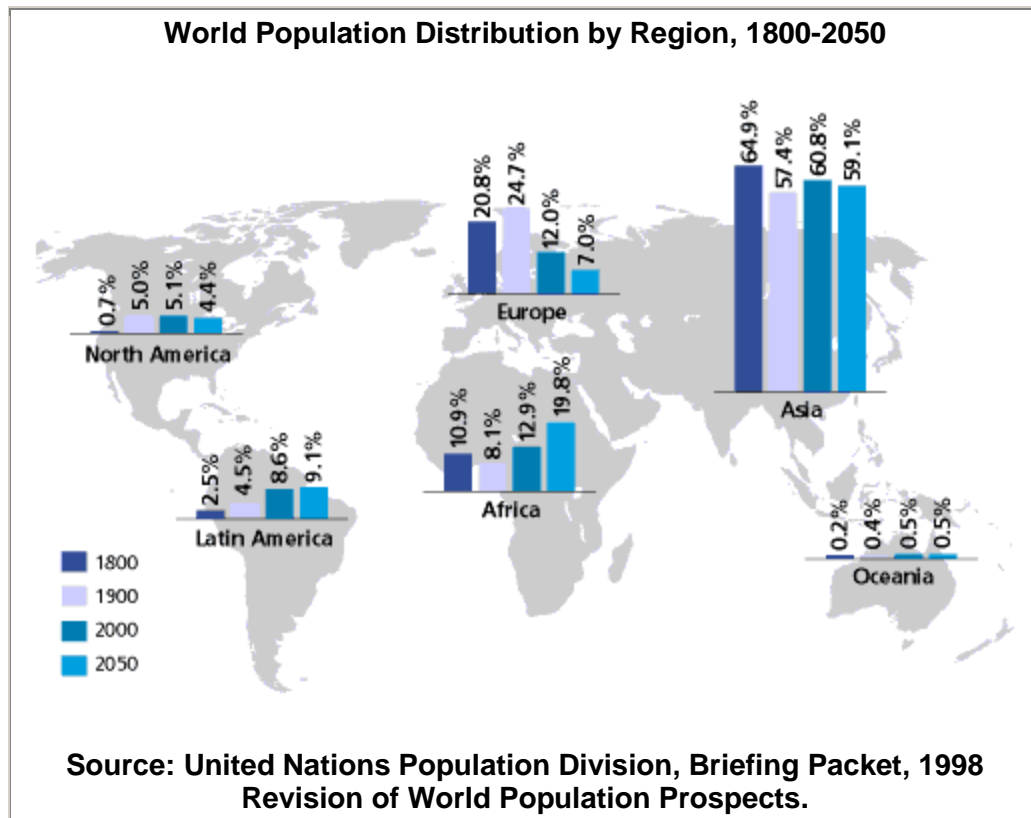
DOES THIS WRITING SAMPLE USE SOURCES CORRECTLY?

YES. This case involves not a verbal quotation, but rather an image cut-and-pasted directly from a website. Just as with textual sources, visual sources must be acknowledged. For a full citation of this image, the student should label the image with the basic information that the National Gallery itself cites (i.e. "Marcello Venusti, Portrait of Michelangelo, 1535, Florence, Casa Buonarroti"), then follow this with the bibliographic information for the Internet source.

CASE: 3

Source: "Human Population: Fundamentals of Growth Population Growth and Distribution." Population Reference Bureau. 12 May 2005.

http://www.prb.org/Content/NavigationMenu/PRB/Educators/Human_Population/Population_Growth/Population_Growth.htm.



Student Writing Sample:

According to the United Nations briefing packet entitled 1998 Revision of World Population Prospects, Latin America will account for 9.1% of global population by 2050.

Does this writing sample use sources correctly?

NO. The writer gives the title and source of the original UN briefing packet within the sentence, then, cites in a footnote the secondary Internet source where the information was actually obtained. Note that the date of access is usually required in citing Internet sources, since web content can change frequently.

CASE: 4

Source: Faucon, Philippe and Sura. *Desert Tropicals*. 12 May 2005. http://www.desert-tropicals.com/Plants/Amaryllidaceae/Galanthus_nivalis.html

SNOWDROP SCIENTIFIC NAME: GALANTHUS NIVALIS L.SYNONYM FAMILY: AMARYLLIDACEAE Galanthus nivalis 'S. Arnett'	RECOMMENDED TEMPERATURE ZONE: SUNSET: 1-9, 14-17 USDA: 3-7 HEAT TOLERANCE: QUESTIONABLE SUN EXPOSURE: FULL SUN TO LIGHT SHADE ORIGIN: EUROPE GROWTH HABITS: BULB, 6 TO 9 INCHES TALL (15- 22 CM), 3 TO 6 INCHES SPREAD (7-15 CM) WATERING NEEDS: MEDIUM MOISTUREPROPAGATION
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Student Writing Sample:

The snowdrop, which originates in Europe, has bulbs 6 to 9 inches tall (15-22 cm) and needs medium moisture.

Does this writing sample use sources correctly?

YES. The information presented here is specialized and precise; it is not common knowledge, and in fact could vary slightly depending on the source consulted. Since the preponderance of content and format have been derived from this website, the writer must document.

CASE: 5

Source: Morisy, Michael. "'Extinct' Woodpecker Found." *Cornell Daily Sun* 29 April 2005: 1, 4.

The search for the woodpecker began earnestly after a Feb. 11, 2004 sighting by a kayaker in Cache River National Wildlife Refuge. A report of the sighting eventually worked its way to Tim Gallagher, the editor-in-chief of *Living Bird*, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's quarterly magazine.

Student Writing Sample:

Occasionally, species once thought extinct resurface when researchers examine possible new habitats. The ivory-billed woodpecker, for example, has just been rediscovered in the wild by Cornell researchers, who launched a search after an amateur sighting in February of 2004 (Morisy 1). Works Cited Morisy, Michael. "'Extinct' Woodpecker Found." *Cornell Daily Sun* 29 April 2005: 1, 4.

Does this writing sample use sources correctly?

NO. Although many details from the original newspaper article have been omitted, the article should be cited as a source if the writer paraphrases its content or draws upon it for specific information. To acknowledge this indebtedness to the Cornell Sun article, the student uses a brief parenthetical citation within the text, supplemented by the full bibliographic entry in a "Works Cited" page at the end.