

# Paraphrasing and Citation

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# What's all This Then?

## How Many Essays?

1 Short

2 Group Case Studies

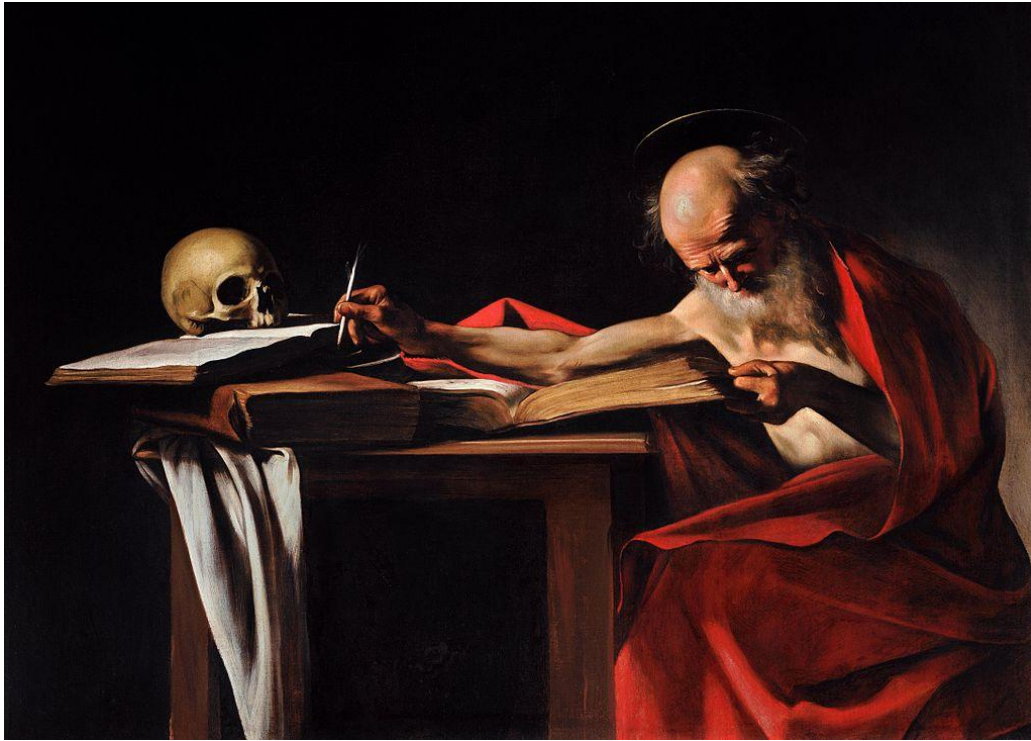
1 Take Home Essay

## What Percentage?

80% of ITSC 201



# Expectations



Strategic Studies

Clear

Well Argued

Accurately Cited

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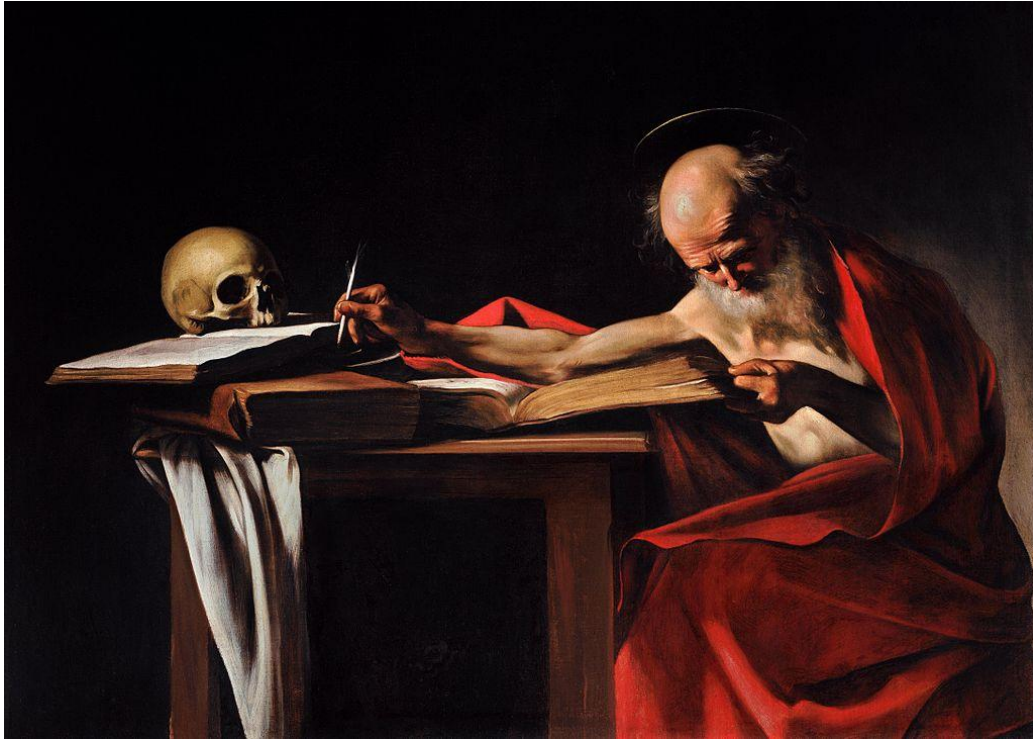
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# Expectations



Clear writing is essential

A key professional skill

You have to communicate complex ideas to peers and supervisors

# Paraphrasing: What We Want



Change the Presentation

Retain the Essence



# Paraphrasing: What Sometimes Happens

The Presentation is Insufficiently Revised  
Difficult to Distinguish from the Original



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Fresh ideas about the use of American power abroad are stifled by the long-standing consensus among American political leaders.

No repeated language

New structure and grammar

Same idea

**Good Paraphrase**

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After the collapse of the Soviet Union, the need to reduce American commitments abroad was a consistent theme for policymakers and pundits from diverse ideological backgrounds.



# Old and New 3

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**Which of the following paraphrases is best?**

# Old and New 3a

Paid soldiers are pointless and hazardous. A regime founded on such forces will never be safe, as paid soldiers are disorganized and disloyal. They are braggarts in peace, but cowards in conflict. Such men are not moral or loyal. They are ineffective in battle, but very costly to maintain in peacetime (Machiavelli, 1998, p. 48-49).

**Why or why not?**

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# Old and New 3b

Mansfield (1998) argued that wise leaders would avoid mercenary troops. Such forces, he contended, were expensive to maintain before a crisis, and were too poorly disciplined to be effective during a crisis.

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# Old and New 3c

Machiavelli (1998) argued that mercenaries are ineffective and hazardous. It is dangerous to use them for security because they are undisciplined and self-interested. Although such forces often appear impressive, they are generally cowardly. They do not follow the laws of God or man, offer little security, and are very costly to maintain (p. 48-49).

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# Remember



Not all Text Required

Change the Grammar

Avoid or Mask Specifics  
such as Names and  
Dates

*Into the Spider-Verse*. (2018). Retrieved January 23, 2019 from  
<https://www.denofgeek.com/us/movies/marvel/278176/spider-man-into-the-spider-verse-complete-guide-to-marvel-easter-eggs>

# Citations

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# Citations

You need to cite:

1 A direct quotation

2 A paraphrase

3 An idea drawn from a source

4 If in doubt, **ask**



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## Why Do You Need to Cite?

- 1 To Assign Credit
- 2 To Permit An Audit of Your Work
- 3 To Help Readers Understand the Genesis of Your Ideas
- 4 To Guide Future Scholars



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# Citations

Example of a quote:

As Thucydides (1996) noted in the Melian Dialogue, “the strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must” (p. 352).

*However, paraphrased or summarized work also requires a citation.* Thucydides (1996) used the interactions between Athens and Melos to underscore the moral bankruptcy of the Athenian argument that power, and not ethics or laws, protected states from abuse (p. 352-354).

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In these classes, citations require:

1 Author

2 Date

3 Page numbers

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# Citations

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**Use present perfect for living authors.**

**Use past tense for dead authors.**

**Sun Tzu = Dead      Lawrence Freedman = Alive**



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# References

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