Plagiarism Worksheet

There are three main reasons for why it is important to reference the sources you consult when writing a research paper.

1. To demonstrate that our claims are supported by credible outside sources
2. To offer credit to the author for their work, thus avoiding plagiarism
3. To allow our reader to locate the referenced sources and consult them further

The information above refers to something called plagiarism. What do you think plagiarism is? I think plagiarism is stealing someone’s work and taking it as their own.

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True or False:

Read the question below. Based on your understanding of plagiarism, label them as true or false AND explain your reasoning.

1. If you copy something accidentally, then it is not considered plagiarism. False because if you were working with your partner and you wrote what they wrote it is considered plagiarism.
2. Submitting a classmate's work with their permission is plagiarism. True because even though you have their permission it is still not okay to copy someone else's work.
3. If you write another person's work in your own words, then you do not need to reference them. False because you need to write your own work and if you use information from somewhere else, cite it and put it in your own words.
4. If you reference a source but provide the wrong information (for example, the wrong page number) it is still considered plagiarism. True because even though you submitted the wrong information you're talking about the site that you haven’t even read and telling everyone the wrong information on that site.
5. Presenting a photograph within a slideshow without referencing the source is not considered plagiarism. False because you are saying that it is yours and you're taking work for someone else's. You need to cite it so you don't plagiarism.
6. Copying a sentence from google and changing a few words is not considered plagiarism. True because you're technically not just copying and pasting your changing it to your own words.
7. It is acceptable to copy-and-paste a sentence written by someone else into your paper and simply add quotation marks around it. False because that is just pure plagiarism copying someone else’s work and putting one difference does not make it plagiarism.
8. When citing your sources you need to use MLA format in your work cited page and in text citations. True because in the country project you will have to do both.