FAH101 Writing Module Academic Integrity Quiz

Please answer yes or no to questions 1-6, and then choose the best answer for questions 7 and 8.

1) You are writing about the Renaissance, and you give its dates as the 14\textsuperscript{th}-17\textsuperscript{th} centuries. You don’t remember where you first learned about the dates of the Renaissance, but the textbook puts it in that range too. You don’t include a source for this information. Have you committed an academic offense?

2) You include a short passage from an essay you wrote for another class in an essay you are writing for this class. Have you committed an academic offense?

3) You cut and paste some material from an article and include it in your notes. When you’re writing up the paper, you totally forget that it isn’t yours and you accidentally use the material without reference to the article. Have you committed an academic offense?

4) You are citing some material in an essay. The prof has asked for Chicago style citations, but you use another style by accident. Have you committed an academic offense?

5) You really like how one of the authors that you are reading sets up her arguments: she always introduces a kind of weak argument in favor of her position, then a strong argument against her position, and then a REALLY strong argument in favor of her position. You feel that this is a powerful way to argue a case and decide to use it—just the argument structure, not any of the words—in your own essay. Have you committed an academic offense?

6) You get a friend to proof-read your essay for this class; your friend identifies a number of areas you need to improve, fixes some grammar mistakes, improves some of the vocabulary and phrasing, but does not make any major changes and doesn’t alter the argument or basic structure of the essay. You then submit the paper. Have you committed an academic offense?

7) Please finish this sentence appropriately: “With regard to using outside material in a paper, the golden rule is, ‘When in doubt, __________________________.’”

8) You come up with a great idea for the thesis of your paper. Just before you submit the paper, you are looking through an article that the professor mentioned in class—one that you hadn’t read before—and you notice that the author of that article presents the same idea that you came up with. What should you do?

a) You came up with the idea independently, so there’s no problem and you don’t need to do anything.

b) Give credit for the idea to the author of the article.

c) Check your lecture notes really, really carefully to ensure that the professor didn’t describe the idea in class, where you might have heard it.

d) Tell your professor or TA the situation and get their advice before submitting.

e) C and then A

f) C and then D