# 6 Ways to Avoid Plagiarism and Generally Be a Cool Person

1. **Plan ahead**
   - There is nothing worse than feeling rushed to finish your work. Planning ahead will ensure you have time to write effectively and use information ethically and legally. Be sure to give yourself enough time to write and recognize potential plagiarism.

2. **Use a citation generator**
   - Citation generators can help you to put together a citation for a source. Be careful, however, because they are not always accurate. Be sure to check the citation using the Ashford Writing Center's Common APA Reference List Models!

3. **Use Turnitin**
   - Turnitin is an automatic system for identifying plagiarism and it’s included in your Ashford classroom! To learn more watch this video about Turnitin.

4. **Paraphrase**
   - Use the author's general presentation of ideas but restate them in your own words. Not sure when to paraphrase or what paraphrasing should look like? Check out the Ashford Writing Center Guidelines for Paraphrasing Sources!

5. **Quote**
   - Take words or ideas from a source and integrate them directly in your writing. Not sure when to quote and what a direct quote should look like? Check out the Ashford Writing Center Guidelines for Quoting Sources!

6. **Summarize**
   - Take an idea and condense it by putting it in your own words. Not sure when to summarize and what a summary should look like? Check out the Ashford Writing Center Guidelines for Summarizing Sources!