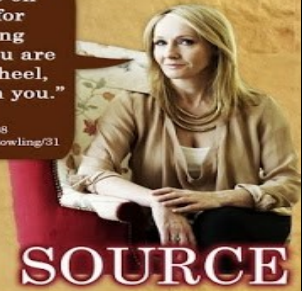


A Magical Guide To AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

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J. K. Rowling
Harvard Commencement Address, 2008
http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/J_K_Rowling/31



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I think that once you're old enough to take the wheel, you have to stop blaming your parents for steering you wrong.

We must not tell lies: paraphrasing as your own opinion is plagiarism.

There's an expiration date on blaming your parents for steering you wrong. The moment you're old enough to take the wheel, the responsibility is yours.

Even if you change a few words around, paraphrasing without credit is the kiss of death.



According to J.K. Rowling, you can blame your parents for things until you get a driver's license.



It's not exactly plagiarism, but misrepresenting a source's meaning is Siriusly dishonest.

YOU



According to J.K. Rowling, you can't spend your whole life blaming your parents for your mistakes.

This paraphrase is better, but it needs to include a link to the source so readers can interpret the actual quotation for themselves.

Don't be a whiner. Quit blaming your parents.



Since it neither resembles JKR's speech nor implies these words are hers, Snape approves.



"There is an expiry date on blaming your parents for steering you in the wrong direction," said J.K. Rowling. "The moment you are old enough to take the wheel, the responsibility lies with you."

This quotation credits JKR, but fails to credit the source that reported her words. Almost there!

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Quotation marks, inline citation, and link to the information source? Ten points to the house of your choice.

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