

Paraphrasing a Source

Learning to paraphrase is a crucial skill when writing a paper with multiple sources. **A paraphrase is taking the words of another writer and putting them in your own words.** A good paraphrase makes the author's meaning clear, without taking their words. The paraphrase of another person's words should be shorter than the original text.

You should always give **intellectual credit** to the author you paraphrase. This can be done one of two ways. You may start your paraphrase with a stem such as, "*According to the author* _____ *or According to the text* _____". The second way is by using in-text citation at the end of the paraphrase. In either case, be sure to list the source you paraphrased in the works cited page.

Practice Paraphrasing

Read Document A, the *Textbook overview of the Atomic bomb*, and paraphrase this source. Be sure to use your own words. Make it shorter than the original passage. Use one of the two ways above to give the authors of the textbook intellectual credit for the information.

Find one source that **Argues For Using the Atomic Bomb** and paraphrase it below:

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Find one source that **Argues Against Using the Atomic Bomb** and paraphrase it below:

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