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Plagiarism prevention: the dangers of separating management from pedagogy

What are the rules?

1. Do I have to cite everyone who has used a particular idea?
2. Do I have to reference every time I use a technical word? If so, I will be referencing every sentence!
3. If I have to reference everyone's ideas, do I have to reference lectures and seminars wherever I am basing what I say on my notes?
4. What if I know an idea or fact but can't remember where I heard or read it? Am I plagiarising?
5. If we have an idea, do we have to search Google to check whether and who has had the same idea or thoughts?
6. If we use an idea or thought another student has shared with us, is it collusion?
7. Basic knowledge for example the shortest distance between two points is a straight line – the teacher asks us to reference this – how do we find a resource?
8. Do I need to reference that water is made of two atoms of hydrogen...because someone discovered that, right? So his contribution needs to be acknowledged?
9. Do we have to reference facts such as, for example, the date of a battle? And who do we reference for such facts? How do we know who to reference? So is it that we have to reference ideas but not facts?
10. If two different scholars explain in two different ways and this is just a small detail, not the main focus, which one do you cite?