

Harris, Robert A. (2005). *Using Sources Effectively: Strengthening Your Writing and Avoiding Plagiarism, 2nd ed.* Los Angeles: Pyczak Publishing. 115 pp., paper. Reviewed by Peggy Pittman-Munke, BA, MLS, M.Ed., MSW, PhD Murray State University

This inexpensive book is an ideal book to assign in a research class or indeed in any class in which research papers are a part. Targeting two common problems, unintentional plagiarism and ineffective use of research source material, this book can help students produce better writing on assignments ranging from essays to full scale research papers.

A major strength of this book is its plentiful use of specific examples of proper use of quotations, paraphrase, summary, and citation. The sections on selecting, evaluating, and preparing sources for use will be very helpful for students. Both ALA and MLA citation styles are referenced. Additional student aids include a true/false quiz at the end of each chapter, an appendix on grammar review, and an excellent section on Internet sources. This text also deals with the overuse of tutors in preparing written work, as well as with the benefits of using reference librarians. The overall tone is warm and clear without being condescending. This text covers most of the questions students are likely to ask and many more that they do not know they need to ask.