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DIRECTIONS: Read each original source below, and then decide whether the items that follow the passage are acceptable or plagiarized. If the quotation, summary, or paraphrase is acceptable, circle Acceptable. If it is plagiarized, circle Plagiarized.

Example:
Original Source:
At highly selective private and public colleges, admissions officers acknowledge that they generally demand white applicants with well-educated parents to have the highest SAT scores, often at least a 1400 score on a 1600 scale.
According to Jacques Steinberg, admissions officers at highly selective colleges generally demand that white applicants with educated parents have at least a score of 1400 on the SAT (3).
Acceptable

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Original Source:
By applying protective wood lacquer in specific patterns, bowling center operators can substantially improve (or ruin) even a novice bowler's game. A thick application down the middle of the lane, for instance, with drier boards along the gutters, will help nudge wayward balls back toward the sweet spot. Lanes with a dry center and oiled edges, in contrast, are notoriously hard to play.
—From page 12 of a New York Times article, "Every Man a Kingpin," by Tom Zeller

1. Bowling center operators can substantially improve a bowler's game by applying lacquer in specific patterns.
   - Acceptable
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2. By applying wood lacquer in specific patterns, Tom Zeller observes, "bowling center operators can substantially improve (or ruin) even a novice bowler's game" (12).
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3. Zeller explains that bowling alleys can oil their lanes in ways that influence the way the ball moves (12).
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Despite their diminutive stature, the world’s microchips levy a high toll on the environment. From an unprecedented analysis, researchers have found that the creation and use of a single 2-gram chip requires at least 72 g of chemicals, 1.6 kilograms of fossil fuel, and 32 kg of water.
—From page 309 of a Science News article, "Hidden Costs," by Jessica Gorman

4. Jessica Gorman reports that "researchers have found that the creation and use of a single 2-gram chip requires at least 72 g[rams] of chemicals, 1.6 kilograms of fossil fuel, and 32 k[ilograms] of water" (309).
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5. According to an unprecedented analysis, "the world's microchips damage the environment" (Gorman 309).
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6. According to recent research, large quantities of chemicals, fossil fuels, and water are needed for the manufacture and use of microchips, so their environmental impact is surprisingly high (Gorman 309).
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The first Europeans to penetrate the West arrived neither as conquerors nor as explorers. Like so many others whom history has treated as discoverers, they were merely lost. Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca and three companions entered the West on as unlikely a journey as any that followed. These men had left Cuba as part of the disastrous Florida expedition of Pánfilo de Narváez in the hopes of pillaging and enslaving the Indians of the Gulf Coast. Instead they were shipwrecked and themselves temporarily enslaved on the Texas coast. In 1536, eight years after their shipwreck, they began a journey back to Mexico that took them across Texas, up the Rio Grande, and into southern New Mexico. From there they crossed into Arizona and traveled south to the Spanish outpost of Culiacán. As these Spaniards moved from village to village, Indians greeted them as supernatural emissaries and healers. This odd and unlikely little party of would-be conquistadores had gradually changed into agents of the Almighty who were as convinced as the Indians that they had the power to cure the sick.

—from page 5 of a book, "It's Your Misfortune and None of My Own": A New History of the American West, by Richard White

7. According to Richard White, the first Europeans to penetrate the West were merely lost (5).
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8. White describes the curious adventures of the explorer Cabeza de Vaca and his men: they left Cuba planning to capture slaves and booty in Florida but, after eight years of wandering lost in the wilderness, ended up believing—as the Western Indians who encountered them also did—that they were healers sent by God (5).
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9. White argues that early European explorers in the American West receive credit for their discoveries when "they were merely lost" (5).
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10. White notes that Cabeza de Vaca and his compatriots became "agents of the Almighty who . . . had the power to cure the sick" (5).
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