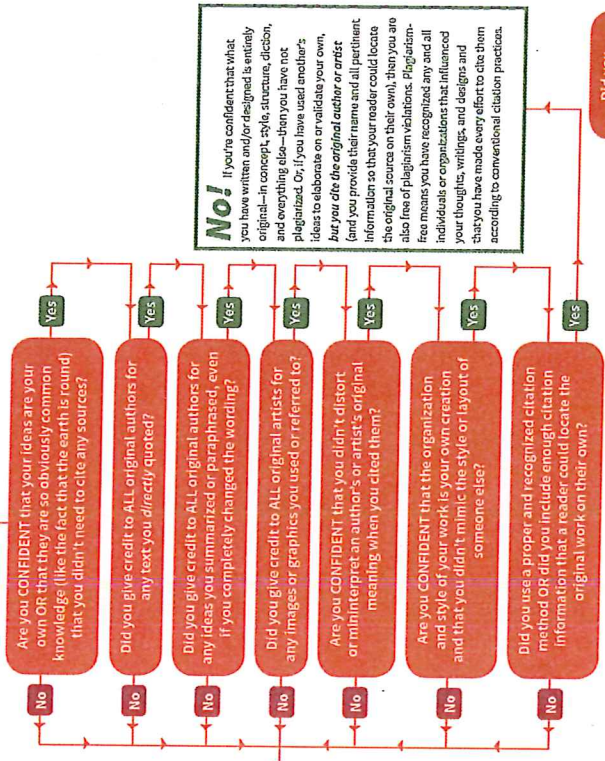


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The Types and Severity of Plagiarism Violations

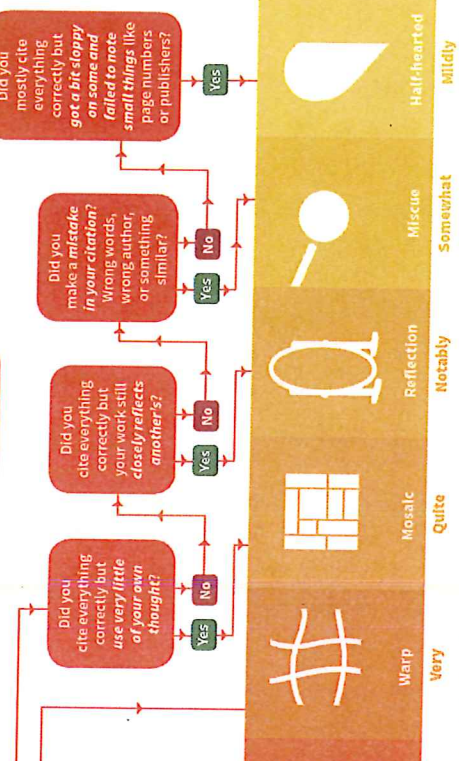
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How Serious Is It?



Identity Theft	Copycat	Cherry-pick	Mitosis	Recycle	Remix	Ghost Citation	Half-n-half	Warp	Mosaic	Reflection	Miscue	Half-hearted
Insanely	Extremely	Terribly	Immensely	Profoundly	Hugely	Remarkably	Very, Very	Very	Quite	Notably	Somewhat	Mildly

Plagiarism Severity Meter: How Serious Is the Violation?