Avoiding Plagiarism Worksheet
A review of why, when, and how to cite sources to help prevent plagiarism.

1. Why is citation important to you? List 2 reasons that motivate you to credit sources in your work.
   A. __________________________________________________________
   B. __________________________________________________________

2. When do you cite? (Circle all that apply)
   A. When using a phrase that you read in a book.
   B. When using a passage from a website.
   C. When copying a statistical chart from the Internet into your PowerPoint presentation.
   D. When writing your own opinion.
   E. All of the above.

3. How do you cite correctly? Read the original passage below. Then identify the errors in the attempts to quote (A) and paraphrase (B) the original passage.

   Original passage by Larry Diamond on page 151 of the journal *Foreign Affairs* published in 2016:
   Many emerging democracies have failed to meet their citizens’ hopes for freedom, security, and economic growth, just as the world’s established democracies, including the United States, have grown increasingly dysfunctional.

   A. An attempt to quote and write an in-text citation using APA:

   Larry claims that “Many emerging democracies have failed to meet their citizens’ hopes for freedom, security, and economic growth” (p. 151, 2016).

   Identify the errors and explain how to fix them:
   1) __________________________________________________________
   2) __________________________________________________________

   B. An attempt to paraphrase and write an in-text citation using MLA:

   According to one expert, a lot of democratic governments are not satisfying people’s demands for liberty, safety, and an expanding economy, at the same time that older democratic governments, like that of the United States, have become more and more flawed (Diamond 151).

   Identify and explain the main error here:
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