

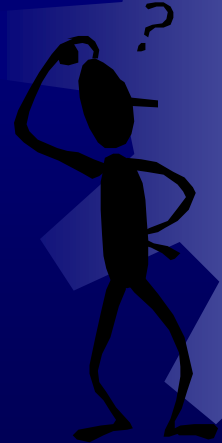


Avoiding Plagiarism

How to Write Good Papers
Correctly

What Is Plagiarism?

- ✦ Using others' words without giving credit to the source of that information
- ✦ Using others' ideas without giving credit to the source of that information



2 Steps necessary to correctly cite or document sources:

- ★ Listing all sources used in a paper in correct MLA format on a Works Cited Page attached at the end of your paper
- ★ Including In-text references (within the actual paper) that refer to the sources you listed on your Works Cited Page

Information needed to cite sources correctly:

BOOK

- ✦ Author (p.r.)
- ✦ Page number on which passage originally appears (p.r.)
- ✦ Title of work
- ✦ Publishing city
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Avoid plagiarism by giving credit whenever you use:

- ✦ Quotation of another person's exact words
- ✦ Paraphrase of another person's words
- ✦ Ideas, opinions, or theories of another person
- ✦ Facts, statistics, graphs from a source
- ✦ Information that is NOT common knowledge

*From "Plagiarism: What It is and How to Recognize and Avoid It"
at <http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html>*

How to Quote

- ✱ Must place quoted passage in quotation marks
- ✱ Must use original source's exact words in the order in which they originally appeared
- ✱ Must properly give credit to the source of the information using a parenthetical reference

How to paraphrase

- ★ You're using someone's idea, but you must put that idea into YOUR own words
- ★ Must use vocabulary that is different from the original source
- ★ Must use sentence structure that is different from the original source
- ★ Must properly give credit to the source of that information with a parenthetical reference

Original Passage: *Because rap music became the dominant voice of urban youth, it became a genre to fear.*

☀ **Quoted in paper:**

Once gangsta rap was introduced, its violent lyrics disturbed more conservative audiences, and “Because rap music became the dominant voice of urban youth, it became a genre to fear” (Lommel 43).

☀ **Paraphrased in paper:**

Once gangsta rap was introduced, its violent lyrics disturbed more conservative audiences; soon rap music evolved into the most popular medium for city teens’ expression, a fact which frightened many (Lommel 43).



Now YOU try it:

- ★ *Original Passage from Cookie Lommel, pg. 84:*

Not surprisingly, both of these reviews wrote off rap, calling it an invalid art form and playing in to the fear of rap and urban youth already implanted by the media.

- ★ *Version A:*

Several analysts discredited rap as artistic and supported the mainstream belief that rap music and its followers were entities to be feared.

Plagiarized or Correct?

Original Passage from Cookie Lommel, pg. 84:

Not surprisingly, both of these reviews wrote off rap, calling it an invalid art form and playing in to the fear of rap and urban youth already implanted by the media.

☀ **Version B:**

It was no surprise that multiple reviewers wrote off rap music, called it invalid art, and promoted the fear of rap and urban youth that the media had already planted (Lommel 84).

Plagiarized or Correct?

☀ **Version C:**

Interestingly, several analysts discredited rap music, hailing it non-artistic and supporting the mainstream belief that rap music and its followers were entities to be feared (Lommel 84).

Plagiarized or Correct?

Original Passage from Cookie Lommel, pg. 84:

Not surprisingly, both of these reviews wrote off rap, calling it an invalid art form and playing in to the fear of rap and urban youth already implanted by the media.

☀ **Version D:**

Several analysts discredited rap as artistic and supported the mainstream belief that rap music and its followers were entities to be feared (Lommel 84).

Plagiarized or Correct?

Original Passage from Cookie Lommel, pg. 84:

Not surprisingly, both of these reviews wrote off rap, calling it an invalid art form and playing in to the fear of rap and urban youth already implanted by the media.

Also correct:

- ☀ According to Lommel, "...both of these reviews wrote off rap, calling it an invalid art form and playing in to the fear of rap and urban youth already implanted by the media" (84).
- ☀ According to Lommel, several analysts discredited rap as artistic and supported the mainstream belief that rap music and its followers were entities to be feared (84).

Now let's do the works cited citation:

- **Title of Book:** The History of Rap Music
- **Author:** Cookie Lommel
- **Published by** Chelsea House Publishers
- **City Published:** Philadelphia
- **Date Published:** 2001



Your correct works cited citation should look like this:

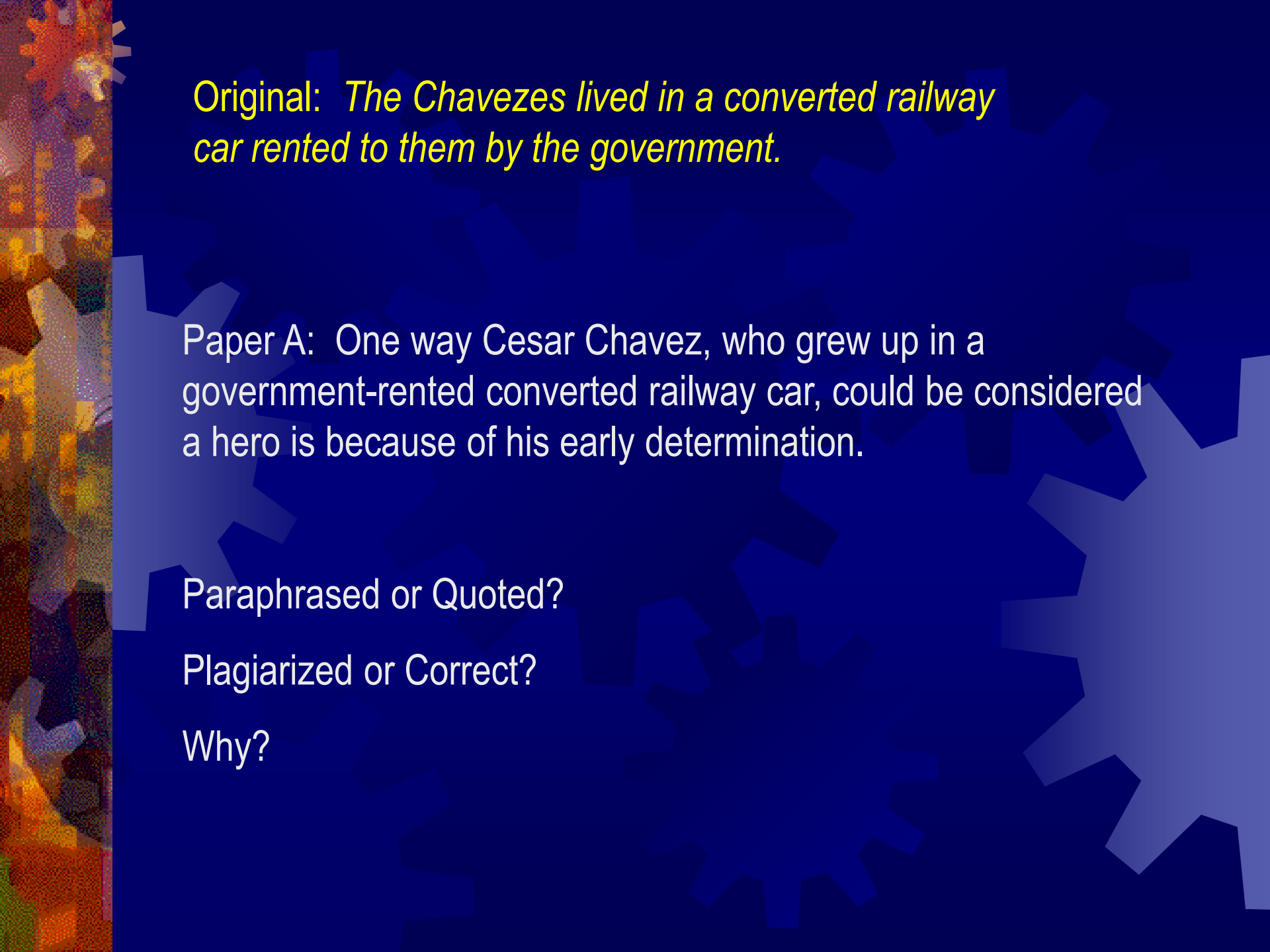
Lommel, Cookie. *The History of Rap Music*. Philadelphia:
Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

Some Handy Tips



1. When taking notes, use only direct quotations - you can always turn them into paraphrases later.
2. Always introduce your quotes!
(ie: According to one source, As Linda Davis states, etc.)
3. Only use a direct quote when the author's wording is extremely pertinent; otherwise paraphrase with your own words.
4. **WHEN IN DOUBT, CITE** - better to be safe than sorry!

Williams, Sharon. "Avoiding Plagiarism." Hamilton Writing Center.
<<http://www.hamilton.edu/>



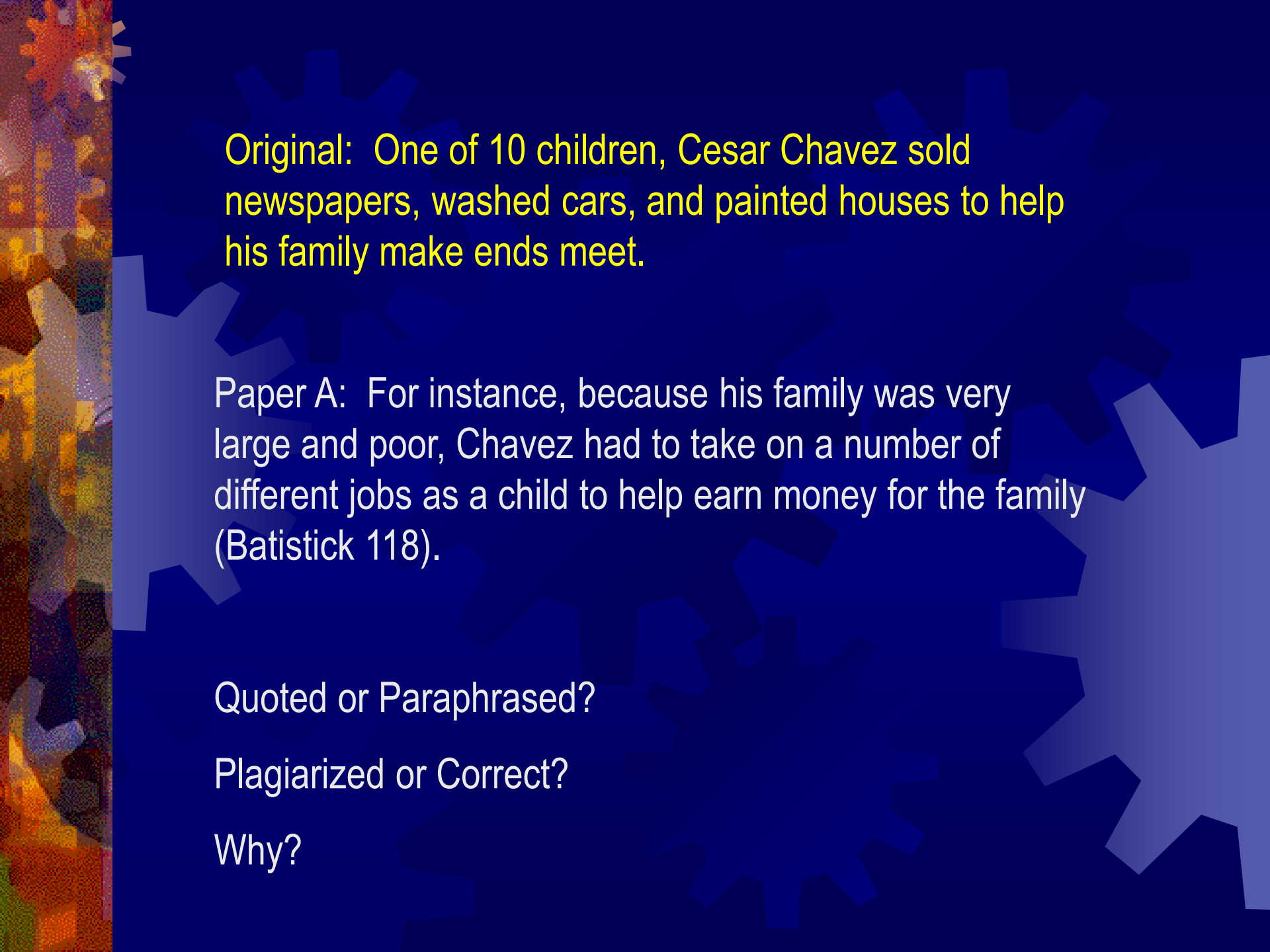
Original: *The Chavezes lived in a converted railway car rented to them by the government.*

Paper A: One way Cesar Chavez, who grew up in a government-rented converted railway car, could be considered a hero is because of his early determination.

Paraphrased or Quoted?

Plagiarized or Correct?

Why?



Original: One of 10 children, Cesar Chavez sold newspapers, washed cars, and painted houses to help his family make ends meet.

Paper A: For instance, because his family was very large and poor, Chavez had to take on a number of different jobs as a child to help earn money for the family (Batistick 118).

Quoted or Paraphrased?

Plagiarized or Correct?

Why?



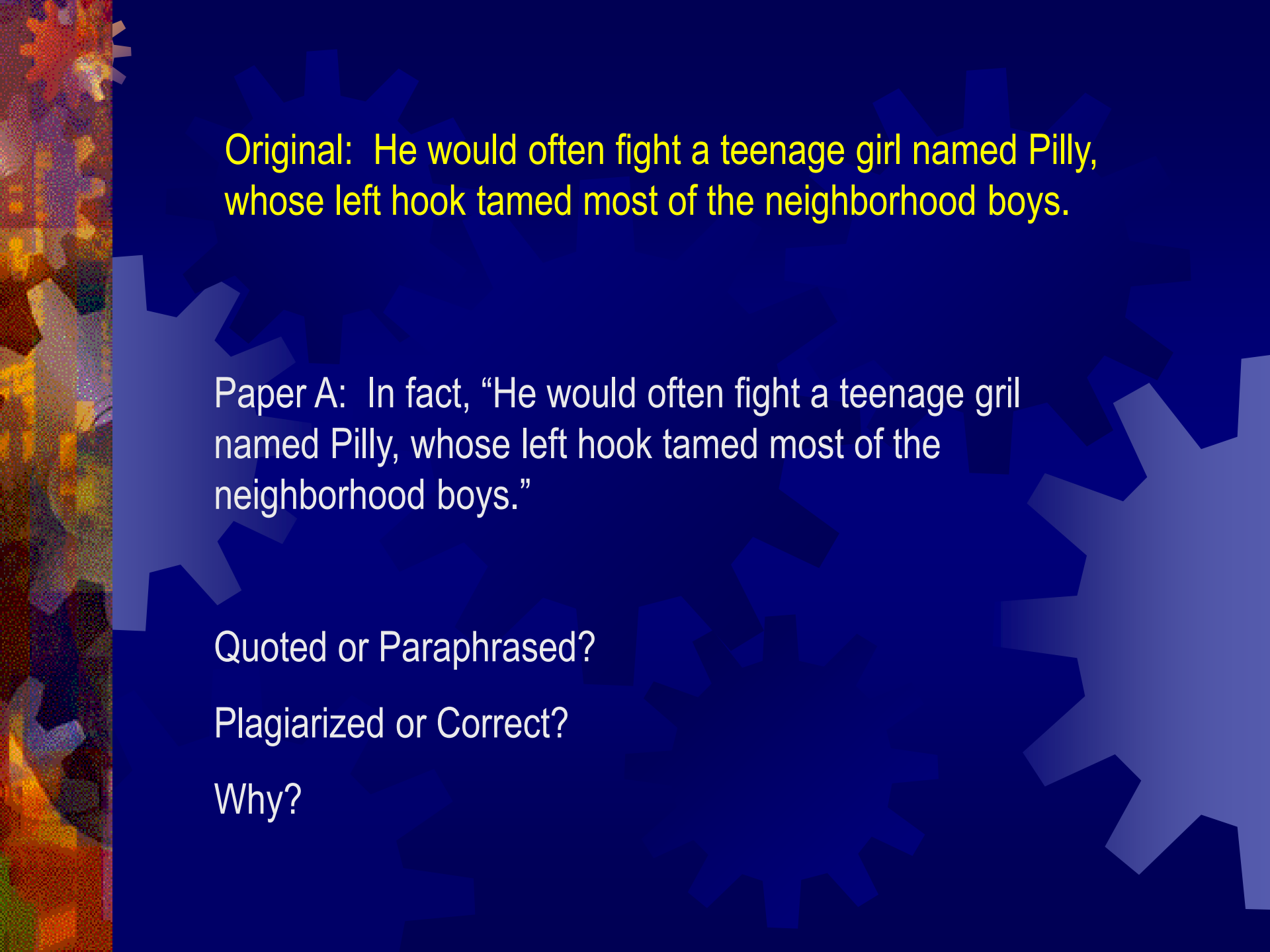
Original: Following in the footsteps of his older brothers, Rodolfo and Rafael, Chavez took up boxing at an early age.

Paper A: Attempting to be like his siblings, Rodolfo and Rafael (Batistick 118), Chavez also started boxing when he was quite young.

Quoted or Paraphrased?

Plagiarized or Correct?

Why?



Original: He would often fight a teenage girl named Pilly, whose left hook tamed most of the neighborhood boys.

Paper A: In fact, “He would often fight a teenage girl named Pilly, whose left hook tamed most of the neighborhood boys.”

Quoted or Paraphrased?

Plagiarized or Correct?

Why?

Original: Sensing his potential, Chavez quit school at the age of 16 to devote all of his time to training.

Paper A: Finally, Chavez quit school at the age of 16 to devote his time to boxing training (Batistick 118).

Quoted or Paraphrased?

Plagiarized or Correct?

Why?

