



## Paraphrase Evaluation Activity Continued (Sample Answers)

### 1. Indicate problems you can identify with this paraphrase:

Problems in the sample paraphrase:

- No attribution (Author's name and the year are not included).
- Too much word-for-word copying (the same phrases and words are copied from the original without quotation marks; this is more like lazy quotation than paraphrase).
- Structure and grammar are too much like the original (the overall organization of information is too similar; the paraphrase should be unique expression of the idea).
- Meaning does not match the intended meaning of the original (the meaning in the paraphrase is not particularly accurate, especially in the point about computer's not "seeing race and gender."

### 2. Now you take a turn. Try to write a better paraphrase of this passage, making sure you correct the problems identified above:

Sample Effective Paraphrase:

In his 2011 article, Pariser argues that while it's possible that the algorithms that shape what information we see online could make society fairer, in fact the opposite is more likely. It's more likely that the algorithms will replicate the inequalities of society that already exist and reinforce them.

Notice in this improved paraphrase:

- The author is introduced so we know whose ideas we are reading.
- The vocabulary and structure of the paraphrase are unique and don't attempt to mimic the original.
- The meaning accurately reflects the author's intended meaning.