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Paraphrase Evaluation Activity Continued (Practice)

2. In the next activity, read over the original source and the sample paraphrase. Then, identify all the types of errors that you can see in the sample paraphrase.

Original Passage from Eli Pariser's 2011 article "The Troubling Future of Internet Search."

In some cases, letting algorithms make decisions about what we see and what opportunities we're offered gives us fairer results. A computer can be made blind to race and gender in ways that humans usually can't. But that's only if the relevant algorithms are designed with care and acuteness. Otherwise, they're likely to simply reflect the social mores of the culture they're processing—a regression to the social norm.

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Sample paraphrase:

Sometimes, if we let algorithms make decisions about what we see and get online things will be more fair. For example, computers don't see race and gender. For this to happen, algorithms have to be designed with care and acuteness or else they reflect the culture around us. This reinforces the social norm.

1.	Indicate all the problems you can identify with the sample paraphrase.



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2.	Now, try to write a better paraphrase of this passage, making sure to correct the problems identified above.