

Working with Sources

Following is an excerpt that a 201 student in another class included in her paper. (This excerpt is used with the author's permission.) Read the attached original. Underline or highlight information that the writer is using from the original in her paragraph.

In Paper

Both of these rivalries have a history that date back to the 1800's. The University Boat Race between Oxford versus Cambridge was the first intercollegiate rowing competition to be held. The first race took place in April of 1829. In fact, Oxford had begun rowing races beginning in 1815, although it was the Cambridge University Board Club that challenged Harvard. The race was held at Henley-on-Thames and 20,000 people attended the race. The sporting press of England stated that there was barely any room in Henley during the days leading up to the race and the river was full of small boats looking to see the race. Although most people betted on Cambridge winning, Oxford ended up victorious after a restart in the race due to a collision between the two boats. Although the first race was in 1829, it did not become an annual event until 1856. The race was also broadcasted starting in 1927 and televised beginning in 1938. Throughout these years this race has become bigger and bigger and the rivalry grew. Now the race is an incredible accomplishment for the winner and a bitter sweet memory for the loser.

- 1.) What problems do you see with the way that this writer has used the source in this paragraph? Be specific and list as many problems as possible! (This paragraph was excerpted from a larger paper about the history of crew.)
- 2.) How might a source like the Cavendish source be used in research writing? What might the author do to incorporate her own voice into the paper? (Imagine for yourself what a paper on the history of crew might look like.)
- 3.) Turn this sheet over. Rewrite the original paragraph to fix the problems you noted above.
- 4.) Exchange your finished paragraph with peer. Reflect on how the two paragraphs are different.