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Exercise 1

Is It Acceptable or Not?

The text below was written by Armstrong Williams in an article titled “The Rules of Loaning Money to Family Members.” The article was published in the New York Amsterdam News 11/29/2007, Vol. 98 Issue 49, p. 13.

It goes without saying that families are there to help each other. But what happens when a family member asks for a loan? During the holidays in particular, sometimes family members find themselves struggling financially under the burden of holiday festivities and other financial hardships. Often times, their financial woes are the result of poor decision-making. While we would like to believe that the person asking for money has sincerely learned from his or her mistake and is working to correct those decisions, loaning them money may not always be the best way to help them.

Below are some possible uses of this text. As you read through each version, try to decide if it is a legitimate use of Williams's text or if it's a case of plagiarism.

Version A:

Without a doubt, families are there to help one another. But what do you do when a family member asks you for a loan? Sometimes, especially during the holidays, family members face financial hardships. Many times, these hardships are a result of poor decision-making. While it is tempting to think that the person asking for money has learned a lesson and will try not to make the same bad decisions, giving them money is probably not the best way to help them.

Version B:

Family members are usually a good source of support. However, as Armstrong Williams has pointed out, sometimes family members find themselves struggling financially under the burden of holiday festivities and other financial hardships (Williams 13). The reason for such “financial woes” is usually a result of poorly made decisions, and loaning money to the family member might not be the best way of resolving their problems (Williams 13).

Version C:

Many people rely on their families when they need help and support. However, things might be a little different when it comes to money. The holidays are usually a time when some family members find their financial resources stretched beyond their means; and even though these family members might be the best of people, lending them money might actually serve to hurt them more than it would help them.

Version D:

Because family members usually love and support one another, difficulties sometimes arise in knowing how best to channel that love and support. When it comes to helping a family member with financial difficulties, Armstrong

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Williams has argued that “loaning them money may not always be the best way to help them” (Williams 13). Perhaps a better way to help a family member going through such hardship would be by ...

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Exercise 2

Create either MLA or APA style citations for the sources below. Remember that citing articles from newspapers, magazines, Journals, and online sources all vary. Write your citation in the spaces below.

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Jennifer Wolcott Correspondent of *The Christian Science Monitor*. [The Christian Science Monitor](#). Boston, Mass.: [Dec 13, 2006](#). pg. 13

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