**Paraphrasing Activity #3**

*For this activity, you will need to evaluate the following paraphrases. When you have evaluated all of them, I would like you to write a paragraph describing your rank of the three. Explain which one you think is best, which one is “just okay”, and which one is the worst and why for each paraphrase.*

Original:

Students frequently overuse direct quotation in taking notes, and as a result they overuse quotations in the final [research] paper. Probably only about 10% of your final manuscript should appear as directly quoted matter. Therefore, you should strive to limit the amount of exact transcribing of source materials while taking notes.

-*Lester, James D. Writing Research Papers. 2nd ed. (1976): 46-47.*

Paraphrase #1

Students should take just a few notes in direct quotation from sources to help minimize the amount of quoted material in a research paper (Lester, 1976).

Does the paraphrase meet all the criteria?

Why or why not?

Paraphrase #2

In research papers students often quote excessively, failing to keep quoted material down to a desirable level. Since the problem usually originates during note taking, it is essential to minimize the material recorded verbatim (Lester, 1976).

Does the paraphrase meet all the criteria?

Why or why not?

Paraphrase #3

Students often use too many direct quotations when they take notes, resulting in too many of them in the final research paper. In fact, probably only about 10% of the final copy should consist of directly quoted material. So it is important to limit the amount of source material copied while taking notes (Lester, 1976).

Does the paraphrase meet all the criteria?

Why or why not?

Paragraph: