**How to Write a Paraphrase**

Reread the original passage until you understand its full meaning.

Look for a key word or phrase that gives you the subject.

Think of a synonym (word that means the same) is for this word.

Ask yourself what the author says about the subject in this passage.

Think of other ways you could say this.

Think of ways to make the idea simpler.

Set the original aside, and write your paraphrase on a piece of paper without using any of the key original words.