Plagiarism Quiz #3: Writing Skills

1. Read the scenario below. Is this an example of appropriate paraphrasing or plagiarism? Explain your reasoning.

Suzy is a student in an English class and has to write a book review for the book, *Girl at War*. Part of her review reads:

The moment that turns Ana from a child to child soldier occurs on the way home from Sarajevo, where Ana’s family take her sick younger sister to be evacuated on a Medi-Mission flight to America. Here, illness in the human body and body politic interweave. Serb forces block the road and lead Ana and her parents into the woods. In this powerful scene, Ana’s parents are killed but she is saved, though later events demonstrate that she has not been spared. (Marra)

Suzy’s instructor does a bit of Googling and finds an excerpt from the following article. Did Suzy paraphrase the source appropriately, or is this plagiarism?

All of this is narrated from a child’s perspective, which tempers encounters with physical violence while magnifying their moral stakes. Ana and her friends jostle to take turns pedaling the air raid shelter’s bicycle-powered generator. They play war games that end only “when one team had killed the other in its entirety.” Novic builds the inner world of Ana’s childhood — as both puberty and paramilitaries loom just over the horizon — with the same vivid detail she gives the blockaded city.

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2. Which of the following statements is TRUE?
   Mark only one oval.

- [ ] If you change the words of an original source, you do not need to cite it.
- [ ] Summaries should be much shorter than the original source
- [ ] It's OK to submit a paper that is mostly quotes, so long as you cite them properly and put them in quotation marks.
- [ ] You do not need to change the sentence structure of the original source when you paraphrase