In researching your essay, you find a passage that says exactly what you want to say:

The ancients promised a more nuanced and richly textured appreciation of the natural world than that available through the spartan scientific methodology of the moderns. Unfortunately, their research program was in steep decline and they were unable to fulfill this promise.

What should you do?

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2. Copy it into your essay, changing a word or so in every sentence:

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**STILL BAD**

This is still plagiarism, and will still be identified as such by turnitin.com. You will still get an F for the course.
3. Copy it into your essay, but clearly marked as quotation and with correct attribution:

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O.K.

This is not plagiarism, but will not help your essay grade. You will only receive credit for work that shows you understand the material. Quoting someone else demonstrates their understanding, not yours.

4. Copy it into your essay, but clearly marked as quotation and with correct attribution. Then restate what it says in your own words:

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That is to say, although the modern research program was very productive there were details and subtleties of the world which it failed to capture successfully. The ancients believed that they could do a better job, but the failure of their program prevented them from demonstrating this. (Aberdein, 2003, p. 87)

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**GOOD**

This demonstrates understanding, for which you will receive credit. But do you still need the quotation? Perhaps not, which leads to . . .

5. Restate what the passage says in your own words, and provide correct attribution:

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**EVEN BETTER**

This demonstrates understanding, but makes clear that the underlying ideas are not your own. There is nothing wrong with this. While originality of \textit{thought} is admirable, it is not essential for good grades in an undergraduate essay. Originality of \textit{expression}, however, is absolutely vital if you are not to fail the course.