

# Guide to Redacting Thesis Content

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2. Place text within the text box informing readers of the redaction;
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  - c. If it is an online resource, you could include a direct link in the caption to provide direct access to the redacted content without breaching copyright.
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## Example



Figure 1: EXAMPLE – Unpermitted third party content.

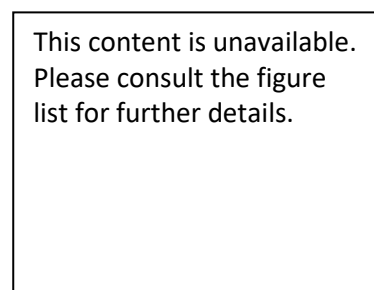


Figure 1: REDACTED EXAMPLE - Retain caption for readers to follow to your bibliography/references

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