

# Turnitin - Teaching Students about Plagiarism

## So What is Plagiarism?

The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.

[http://www.google.com.au/#hl=en&q=plagiarism&tbs=dfn:1&tbo=u&sa=X&ei=nwVZTvSCKYjqrQeS1uS8Cg&ved=0CDMQkQ4&bav=on.2,or.r\\_gc.r\\_pw.&fp=b35bf691baf59779&biw=1152&bih=659](http://www.google.com.au/#hl=en&q=plagiarism&tbs=dfn:1&tbo=u&sa=X&ei=nwVZTvSCKYjqrQeS1uS8Cg&ved=0CDMQkQ4&bav=on.2,or.r_gc.r_pw.&fp=b35bf691baf59779&biw=1152&bih=659)

## An Internet Solution to an Internet Problem by Eleanour Snow

The Internet has changed the way students research and write. Gone are the days of index cards with main ideas on one side and the source on the back. Students can research and write without ever touching a piece of paper until the final copy comes off the printer. They get most of their information from the Internet, and they do not view the Internet the same way they view a book (Townley and Parsell 2004). The Internet is somehow anonymous; there is no author, publisher, and copyright date. While they know using words from a book is wrong, they may not consider a Web site to be intellectual property (Frاند 2000).

[http://innovateonline.info/pdf/vol2\\_issue5/Teaching\\_Students\\_about\\_Plagiarism\\_An\\_Internet\\_Solution\\_to\\_an\\_Internet\\_Problem.pdf](http://innovateonline.info/pdf/vol2_issue5/Teaching_Students_about_Plagiarism_An_Internet_Solution_to_an_Internet_Problem.pdf)

### TURNITIN CAN HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM

## What is Turnitin?

Turnitin is the leading originality checking and plagiarism prevention service used by millions of students and faculty, and thousands of institutions worldwide. Turnitin encourages best practices for using and citing other people's written material. The service offers a complete web-based service to manage the process of submitting and tracking papers electronically, providing better—and faster—feedback to students.

## How does Turnitin work?

The teacher sets up a class and an assignment in the Turnitin service. Students then submit papers to Turnitin via file upload. Turnitin's proprietary software then compares the paper's text to a vast database of 12+ billion pages of digital content (including archived internet content that is no longer available on the live web) as well as over 110 million papers in the student paper archive, and 80,000+ professional, academic and commercial journals and publications.

## What if Turnitin finds text matches in my paper?

Turnitin determines if text in a paper matches text in any of the Turnitin databases. By itself, Turnitin does not detect or determine plagiarism—it just detects matching text to help the teachers determine if plagiarism has occurred. Indeed, the text in the student's paper that is found to match a source may be properly cited and attributed. It is recommended that teachers carefully review the Originality Report and all matches before making any determination of plagiarism. Such determinations of plagiarism require human judgment, and teachers and students alike should understand their institution's academic integrity policies before turning in written assignments.

[https://turnitin.com/static/resources/documentation/turnitin/sales/Answers\\_to\\_Questions\\_Students\\_Ask.pdf](https://turnitin.com/static/resources/documentation/turnitin/sales/Answers_to_Questions_Students_Ask.pdf)

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## Turnitin Instructions

To submit your **work** for review by Turnitin follow the instructions below:

1. Go to the website <http://www.turnitin.com>
2. Register and create a user profile by clicking on the Create Account link.
3. Once you have created an account & signed in you need to enrol in a class. The teacher will need to give you the **Class ID & Password**.
4. Select that class then go to SUBMIT
  - ◆ Upload your **Draft Assignment** to the **REVISION** Option
  - ◆ Upload your **Final Assignment** to the **PAPER** Option

NOTE: If the teacher sets up the class so you are allowed to submit as many times as you like until the due date you must remember that it takes 10 mins for your first submission to process, then it takes 24 hours each time you resubmit.

If you have any problems read through the quick guide located at the following link:

[http://turnitin.com/resources/documentation/turnitin/training/en\\_us/qs\\_student\\_en\\_us.pdf](http://turnitin.com/resources/documentation/turnitin/training/en_us/qs_student_en_us.pdf)

Instructions for enrolling in a Turnitin class can be found at:

[http://www.turnitin.com/en\\_us/support/help-center/enrolling-in-a-class](http://www.turnitin.com/en_us/support/help-center/enrolling-in-a-class)

Please note that your teacher will have to provide you with the class ID and password before you can enrol.

Instructions for uploading your assignment can be found at:

[http://www.turnitin.com/en\\_us/support/help-center/submitting-papers-as-a-student](http://www.turnitin.com/en_us/support/help-center/submitting-papers-as-a-student)

You can also visit the following URL for general student help:

[http://www.turnitin.com/en\\_us/support/help-center/student-articles](http://www.turnitin.com/en_us/support/help-center/student-articles)