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Using Turnitin Plagiarism Detector

Turnitin (Tii) is an Internet-based plagiarism-prevention service that allows faculty compare student papers with a bank of over 150 million archived student papers and close to 100,000 journals, periodicals and books.

Now integrated with Blackboard (Bb) it is a powerful tool for uncovering assignments borrowed all in part from other existing sources. Instructors who create a Tii assignments in Blackboard will receive a report gauging the overall level of originality for each paper that highlights instances of copied text as well as the original source of the material.

Learning Objective:

After reading this document faculty will understand how to create a Tii assignment within Blackboard and gauge the level of an assignments originality.

Creating a Turnitin assignment

In any content area select Assessments [1] then Turnitin Assessment [2]
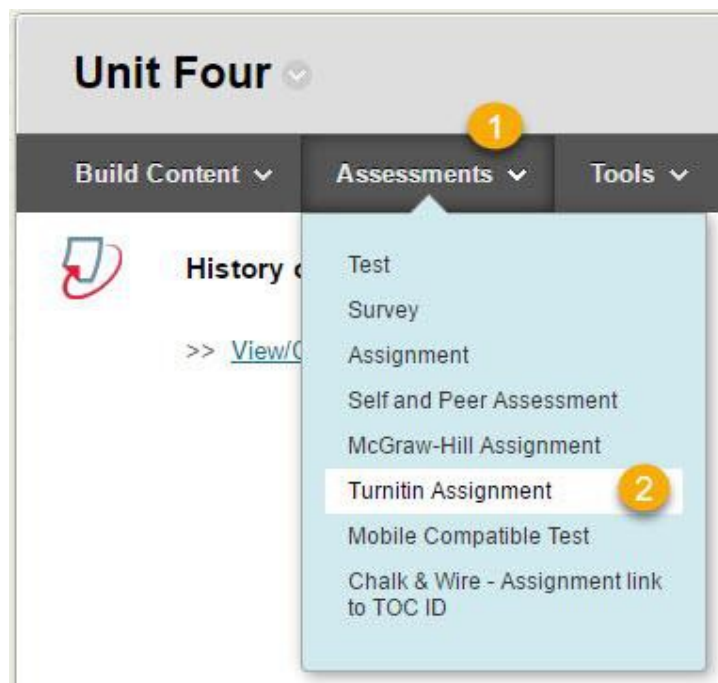
Select Paper Assignment [3]. *Note*: *This document covers Tii assignments only.*

The New Assignment interface features a number of options. Start by entering the name and the point value of the assignment [5] then the start and due dates [6].*.*

Other options include:

Special instructions	Allow submissions after due date?
Originality Reports	
General Originality Reports (ORs)?	Exclude bibliographic material from ORs?
Exclude quoted material?	Exclude small matches?
Allow students to see ORs?	

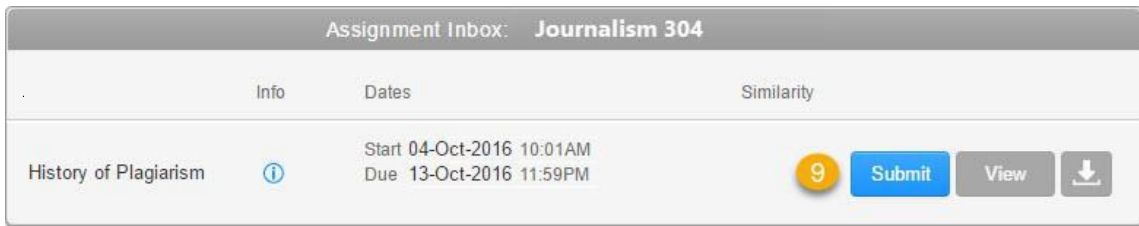When finished selecting options click OK [7] to add the assignment.
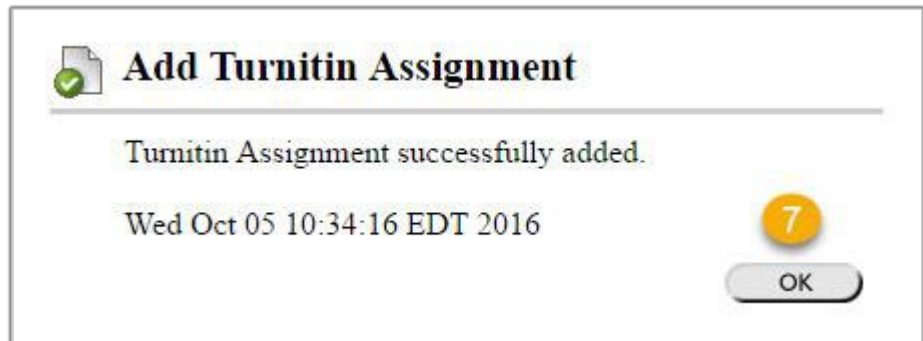
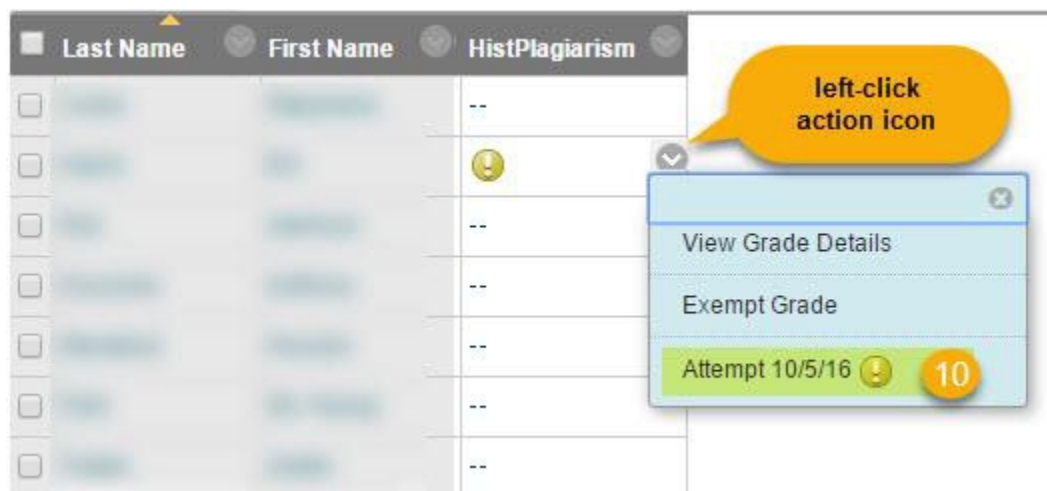
This is what the students see [8]. The TII icon

Is associated only with Turnitin assignments.

When students click on the Tii assignment icon they'll be asked to agree to a confidentiality clause and will be prompted to browse for and submit the paper [9]
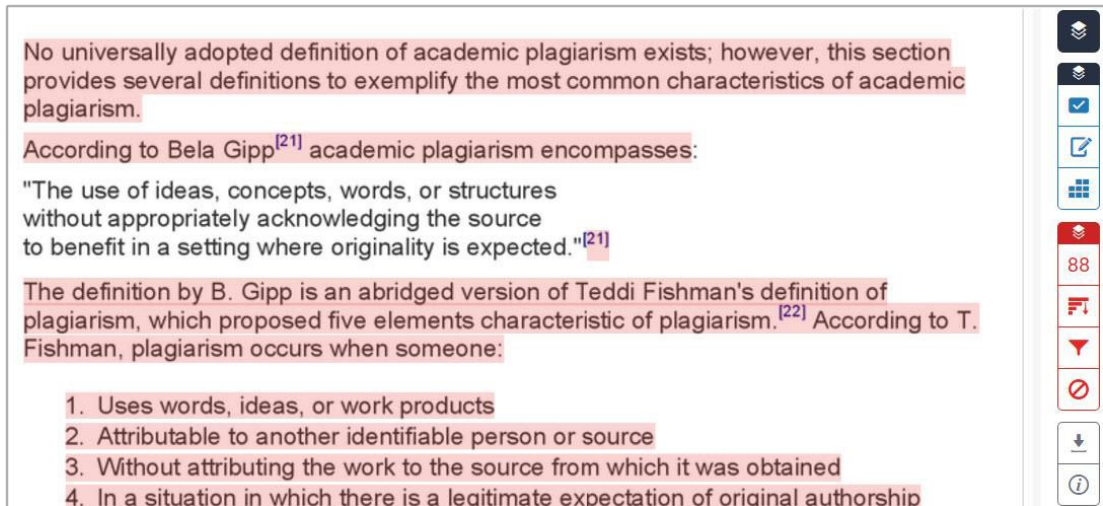

Instructors access completed assignments in the grade center as usual [10]

To see the Originality Report select the icon with that name [11]

Highlighted text in the Originality Report (OR) indicates that material is not original. Since this example is taken directly from a Wikipedia article almost everything is highlighted. Because we chose not to include quotes in the OR the one quote below is not highlighted.

No universally adopted definition of academic plagiarism exists; however, this section provides several definitions to exemplify the most common characteristics of academic plagiarism.

According to Bela Gipp[21] academic plagiarism encompasses:

"The use of ideas, concepts, words, or structures without appropriately acknowledging the source to benefit in a setting where originality is expected."[21]
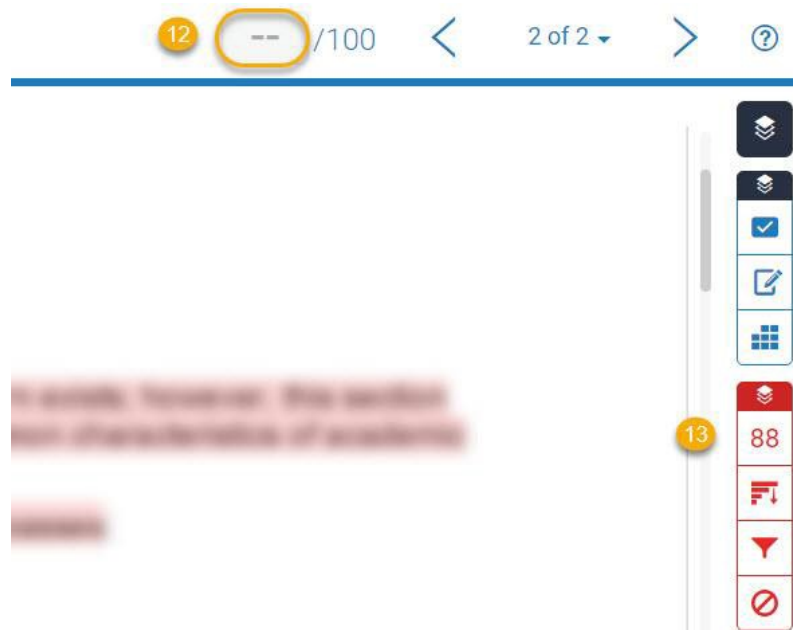
The definition by B. Gipp is an abridged version of Teddi Fishman's definition of plagiarism, which proposed five elements characteristic of plagiarism.[22] According to T. Fishman, plagiarism occurs when someone:

1. Uses words, ideas, or work products
2. Attributable to another identifiable person or source
3. Without attributing the work to the source from which it was obtained
4. In a situation in which there is a legitimate expectation of original authorship

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Enter the grade in the upper right corner of the OR [12].

Find the percentage of plagiarized material on the right – 88 [13]

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Questions?

File a ticket with the Help Desk, request type Blackboard => Assessments

http://bb.wpunj.edu/helpdesk