

Plagiarism

Exploring and understanding academic integrity

“  = true honest
original  ”

What is plagiarism?

- In your own words, explain what the word plagiarism means.
- Share your definition with a partner.
Together create one definition that you both agree on.



According to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, to "plagiarize" means:

- to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own
- to use (another's production) without crediting the source
- to commit literary theft
- to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source

"Plagiarize." Merriam-Webster.com. Merriam-Webster. Accessed May 20, 2020. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/plagiarize>.

Plagiarism does not always mean Word-for-word copying

There are actually **10 different ways**
that plagiarism can occur.



Ten types of plagiarism

Clone

Submitting another's work, word-for-word, as one's own

Find - Replace

Changing key words and phrases but retaining the essential content of the source

Recycle

Borrowing generously from one's previous work without citation

Mashup

Mixing copied material from multiple sources

Aggregator

Including proper citation of sources but containing almost no original work

CTRL-C

Containing significant portions of text from a single source without alterations

Remix

Mixing paraphrased material from multiple sources

Hybrid

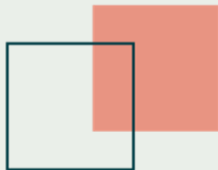
Combining perfectly cited sources with copied passages without citation

404 Error

Citing nonexistent sources or including inaccurate information about sources

Re-tweet

Including proper citation but relying too closely on the text's original wording and/or structure



#1 Clone

Submitting another's work, word-for-word, as one's own

Source text

A Natural Setting: A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley

Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

Student work

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- Cloning is what most people think of when they think of plagiarism--using another's work, word-for-word, as their own.
- Examine the example and point out how both the source text and the student work are identical. The writer has essentially "cloned" the source text, then attempted to pass it off as their own. No attempt has been made to add quotation marks or references to the original source.
- This is often the easiest type of plagiarism to identify because it's so blatant and clear. However, many individuals often spend more time and create slightly more nuanced plagiarism than cloning, as we can see in the following types.



Ctrl

C

#2 Ctrl+C

Contains significant proportions of text from a single source without alterations

Source text

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Student work

The Beautiful Yosemite Valley

From the time of its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, possession on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. And Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, while perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concern as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact or nature.

- The Ctrl+C type of plagiarism is similar to Cloning in many ways, but instead of copying large chunks of text word-for-word, the writer adds or changes a few small words here and there. Overall, the majority of the text comes from a single source though.
- Again, no attempt has been made to add quotation marks or references to the original source.
- Words that are changed are usually ones that appear at the beginning of the sentences and have easy synonyms to make it appear as if the text is different enough from the original at a quick glance.





#3 Find - Replace

Changing key words and phrases but retaining the essential content of the source

Source text

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Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

Student work

A Beautiful Setting in Yosemite

Since its first discovery by non-native people in the mid-19th century Yosemite Valley has held a special, even sacred, hold on the American psyche because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mindset, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing political movements, migration patterns and environmental issues as man has become more attuned to their relationship and impact on nature.

- The Find - Replace type of plagiarism is very similar to the Ctrl+C type, but instead of focusing on changing beginning words in each sentence, the writer tries to change more significant key words and phrases within the text in an attempt to make it appear that the content is different, when in fact it's still large chunks from the original source.
- No attempt has been made to add quotation marks or references to the original source.





#4 Remix

Paraphrases from multiple sources, made to fit together

Source text

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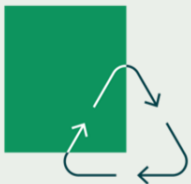
Student work

An Untouched View A History of Settlement and Change in Yosemite Valley

The first non-natives to see Yosemite Valley were probably members of the mid-nineteenth century Joseph Walker Party, who crossed the Sierra Nevada from East to West. The first descriptions of Yosemite came almost 20 years later. From the start, the valley has been renowned for its natural beauty, and highly regarded as the center-piece of Yosemite National Park, attracting visitors from around the world. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to their relationship and impact on nature.

- In the Remix type of plagiarism, writers begin to get a little bit fancier with their efforts of concealing their plagiarism. Rather than taking large chunks of text from one source, the writer takes information from multiple sources, paraphrasing the information and fitting it together to make it appear as if it all works together seamlessly.
- It's important to acknowledge that in this example, like the others, no credit is being given to the original sources.





#5 Recycle

Borrows generously from the writer's previous work without citation

Source text

A Natural Setting: A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley

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Student work

Ecology 201

An Unnatural Expectation: The Impact of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley

From its first discovery by the Ahwahnechee in the mid-nineteenth century Yosemite Valley has held a unique, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time reflecting changing politics, human migration patterns and the rise of environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

- In the Recycle type of plagiarism, the writer reuses their own work in a later assignment.
- Often termed "self-plagiarism," this recycling of information, particularly without citation of the previous work, is often a difficult concept for students to understand. While the work is theirs originally, it still must be cited if it is reused in a later assignment.





#6 Hybrid

Combines perfectly cited sources with copied passages without citation

Source text

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Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

Student work

A Natural Setting A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley

Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. "Native Americans have lived in the Yosemite region for as long as 8,000 years. The first people that we have record of was a band of Native Americans that called the Valley "Ah-wah-nee" and themselves the Ahwahnechee."¹ While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

1 "Yosemite Valley." Wikipedia. Wikipedia. 20 Apr. 2012.
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yosemite_Valley>

- In the Hybrid type of plagiarism, the writer provides some effectively quoted and cited material from the source text, but then also includes text that is not properly cited.
- It's possible that this type of plagiarism could be unintentional and simply cited incorrectly or improperly, but intentionally slipping uncited work into the text is also a possibility.



#7 Mashup

Mixes copied material from multiple sources

Source text

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Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

Student work

A Natural Setting A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley

Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience. The work of Ayres gave easterners an appreciation for Yosemite Valley and started a move-ment to preserve it. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to their relationship and impact on nature. The 1849 California Gold Rush led to conflicts between miners and natives, and the volunteer Mariposa Battalion was formed by the state of California as a punitive expedition against natives in the Yosemite area.

- The Mashup type of plagiarism includes copied material from multiple sources rather than one source in particular.
- The Mashup could be seen in conjunction with other types of plagiarism, since some reference singular sources and this one references multiple sources.
- It's important to acknowledge that in this example, like the others, no credit is being given to the original sources.





#8 404 Error

Includes citations to non-existent or inaccurate information about sources

Source text

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- In the 404 Error type of plagiarism, citations are included in the text and/or in the bibliography, but those citations either reference fake or non-existent sources or provide inaccurate information about sources.
- Consider whether this type of plagiarism is intentional or unintentional--both situations are possible. If it appears that the citation is wrong in a few nuanced areas, it's possible that it is a mistake and the writer was unsure how to properly cite the information. Consider providing extra citation guidance to that student, in particular.

Student work

Perceived Beauty: Man's Nature Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley

"Since its first discovery by the Joseph Walker Party in the mid-nineteenth century" ¹ "Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all 'special temples of Nature.'" ² "While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to their relationship and impact on nature." ³

1 For an insightful discussion of Walker's expedition, including an extended description of their first sight of Yosemite Valley, see Walker's original piece in *The Golden Times*. May 5, 1833: p. 4. Print.

2 Bloom, H. "Aesthetics of the Found: The 'Nature' of the Natural." *Aesthetics and the Found*. November 2000: 18-22. Print.

3 Huang et al. "Politics, Policy, and the Environment." *Nature and Society*. 25.3 (1997) : 127-53. Print.





#9 Aggregator

Includes proper citation to sources but the paper contains almost no original work

Source text

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- In the Aggregator type of plagiarism, the writer includes proper and effective citations for all references to source material. However, the majority of the work is made up of source material and very little is original work by the writer.
- When this type of plagiarism is seen, the writer should be encouraged to add their own thoughts when possible in order to create a balance between source material and original work.

Student work

A Natural Setting: A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley ¹

Yosemite Valley was first sighted by non-Indians in 1833 by Joseph Rutherford Walker and his group of explorers. ² Yosemite has a long and diverse cultural history that helped to shape the region, country, and even the world. ³ While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to their relationship and impact on nature. ⁴

1 Harrick, C. "A Natural Setting." *Nature and its Discontents* 23.1 (1996) : 41-50. Print.

2 "History of Yosemite," *Yosemitegold.com Ace & Friends*, n.d. Web. 24 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.yosemitegold.com/yosemite/history.html>>

3 "Yosemite National Park Cultural History," *Yosemitepark.com DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.*, n.d. Web. 24 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.yosemitepark.com/cultural-history.aspx>>

4 Harrick, C. "A Natural Setting," p. 41.





#10 Re-Tweet

Includes proper citation, but relies too closely on the text's original wording and/or structure

Source text

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Student work

A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley

From its earliest discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century Yosemite Valley has held a spiritual hold on the American conscience; its beauty is incomparable and has been held up as one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite has a special grip on the western mind, impressions about the Valley have evolved over time, shaped by changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as mankind has become more attuned to its relationship and impact on nature.¹

1 Harrick, C. "A Natural Setting." *Nature and its Discontents* 23.1 (1996): 41-50. Print.

- In the Re-Tweet type of plagiarism, the writer includes proper citation for the work that is referenced, but the material itself is too close to the original wording or structure and is not included in quotation marks to denote a word-for-word quotation.
- In essence, the writer likely attempted to paraphrase or summarize, but the end result is too close to the original material to be effective.



Avoiding plagiarism

- 1 **Manage your time** during the researching and writing process wisely.
- 2 **Employ effective research strategies.**
- 3 **Choose when to summarize, paraphrase, or quote** information from your sources.
- 4 **Provide proper citations** for your paraphrased, quoted, or summarized information.
- 5 **Use the Turnitin Similarity Report** to revise your mistakes.
- 6 **Own your academic integrity and ask questions** when you need help.