

SafeAssign

About SafeAssign

Safe Assign is used to prevent plagiarism and to create opportunities to help you identify how to properly attribute sources rather than paraphrase.

SafeAssign compares your submitted assignments against a set of academic papers to identify areas of overlap between the submitted assignment and existing works.

The SafeAssignments Process

SafeAssign is based on a unique text matching algorithm capable of detecting exact and inexact matching between a paper and source material. SafeAssignments are compared against several different databases containing millions of articles dating from the 1990s to the present. For more information on specific database, see [SafeAssign](#). After the comparison a report is generated that provides detailed information about the matches found between your submitted paper and existing sources.

Safeguard Your Work

You can safeguard your own work by submitting copies of your papers to the Global Reference Database. Papers from other institutions are checked against your paper. This protects the originality of your work across institutions. The Global Reference Database is a separate database from your institution's database. When you submit your papers to the database voluntarily, you agree not to delete papers in the future. You are free to select the option to check your papers without submitting them to the Global Reference Database. Blackboard does not claim ownership of submitted papers.

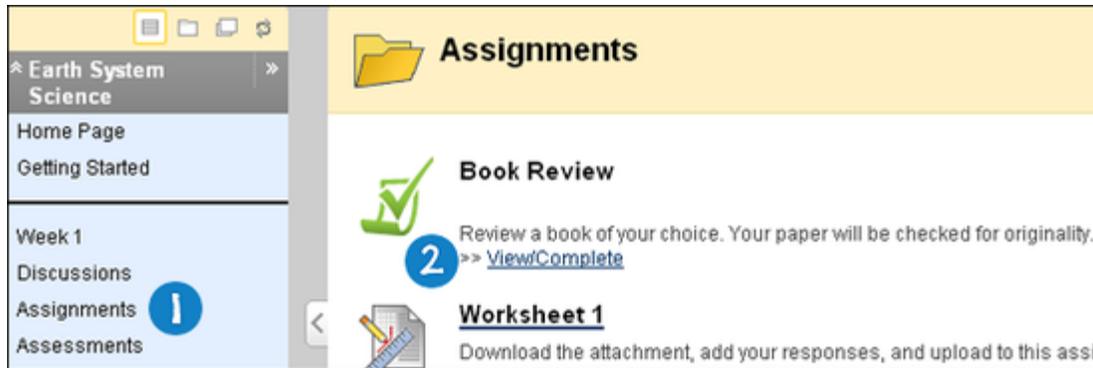
SafeAssign Originality Reports

After a paper has been processed, a report is generated detailing the percentage of text in the submitted paper that matches existing sources. The report also shows the suspected sources of each section of the submitted paper that returns a match. Your instructor can delete matching sources from the report and process it again when the paper is a continuation of a previously submitted work.

How to Submit a SafeAssignment

You can only submit a SafeAssignment once. If you would like to edit, delete, or resubmit a SafeAssignment, contact your instructor and request that they clear your first submission.

1. On the course menu, select the link where SafeAssignment is located, for example, Assignments.
2. On the **Assignments** page, look for the SafeAssignment and click **View/Complete**.



3. On the **Upload SafeAssignment** page, optionally, type your comments in the **Comment box**.
4. Browse to select a file to attach as your submission.
5. Optionally, select the **Global Reference Database** check box to upload your paper to the Global Reference Database.
6. Click **Submit**.

After you submit SafeAssignments, there is a slight delay between the upload and the availability of the SafeAssign report. Results are normally available within 10-15 minutes.

How to View SafeAssignment Submissions

View your submissions and the SafeAssign reports associated with it by accessing the SafeAssignment after submitting your paper. This option is only available if allowed by your instructor.

1. Return to the assignment link in the content area that holds the SafeAssignment, for example, the **Assignments** content area.
2. On the **Assignments** page, look for the SafeAssignment and click **View/Complete**. You will find:
 - **Assignment Information:** This section displays the name of the SafeAssignment and its description.
 - **Submitted Work:** This section provides link to the following:
 - **Text:** Select this option to view your paper and comments.
 - **File:** Select this option to download the submission.
 - **Matching:** The percentage listed is the percentage of your paper that matches other sources. Read the full report to determine if the matching is properly attributed.
 - **SA Report:** Select this option to view the full SafeAssign report.
 - **View Grade:** This section lists the grade given by your instructor.
 - **Instructor's Feedback:** This section lists any feedback, and provides links to open or download any files attached by your instructor.

Assignment Information						
Name	Description					
Book Review	Review a book of your choice. Your book will be checked for originality.					
Submitted Work						
Student ID	Student Name	Text	File	Matching	SA Report	Date Submitted
	Chris Casper			27%		Mon, Mar 21, 2011 12:33 AM
View Grade						
Grade	Points Possible	Weight				
40.0	50.0	0.0				
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How to Interpret a SafeAssign Report

A SafeAssign report provides detailed information about the matches found between your submitted paper and existing sources. The SafeAssign report identifies all matching blocks of text. It is your and your instructor's responsibility to investigate whether the matching text is properly referenced or not. Detailing every match prevents detection errors due to differences in citing standards.

1. Return to the **View SafeAssignment** page.
2. On the **View SafeAssignment** page, click the green check mark link under **SA Report**. The **SA Report** provides extensive information to help you determine whether you are appropriately citing your works. This page includes:
 - **Paper Information:** This section lists data about the paper, such as the author, percent matching, and when it was submitted. This section also includes options for downloading the report, emailing the report, or viewing a printable version. The printable version is the most effective view of the report for those users that rely on assistive technologies to access Blackboard Learn.
 - **Suspected Sources:** This section lists the original sources that match sections of the submitted paper.

- To display the original work, click the source title.
 - To display the related phrase within your paper, click the magnifying glass.
- **Paper Text:** This section shows the submitted paper. All matching blocks of text are identified and numbered. Click a phrase to display the Source Comparison Window which provides a direct comparison between your paper's phrase and the source document it matches.

View SafeAssignment

Assignment Information

Name	Description
Book Review	Review a book of your choice. Your book will be checked for originality.

Submitted Work

Student ID	Student Name	Text	File	Matching	S.A. Report	Date Submitted
	Chris Casper			27%	2	Mon, Mar 21, 2011, 12:33 AM

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Paper Information

Author: Chris Casper	Assignment: Book Review
Title: Book Review_ccasper.docx	Submitted: Mon, Mar 21 2011, 12:33 AM
Matching: <div style="width: 27%; background-color: #0070c0; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> 27%	Paper ID: 1070956
Print version:	
Direct link:	

Submission Comment

Book review about atmosphere.

Suspected Sources

Click on a source to view the original, or click on the magnifying glass to see the source highlighted in the text below.

1 <http://www.amazon.ca/Atmospheric-Environment-Effects-Human-Activity/dp/0691006911>

2 <http://www.shopping.com/earth-day-activities/products>

Paper Text

This is a book review of the book entitled The Atmospheric Environment Effects of Human Activity written by Michael B. McElroy.

1 This comprehensive introduction to the physics and chemistry of Earth's atmosphere explains the science behind some of the most critical and intensely debated environmental controversies of our day. 2 In it, one of the world's leading experts on planetary

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Interpreting the Overall SafeAssign Score

The overall SafeAssign score indicates the probability that the submitted paper contains matches to existing sources.

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- **Scores below 15 percent:** These papers typically include some quotes and few common phrases or blocks of text matching other documents.
- **Scores between 15 percent and 40 percent:** These papers include extensive quoted or paraphrased material or they may include plagiarism.
- **Scores over 40 percent:** There is a very high probability that text in this paper was copied from other sources. These papers include quoted or paraphrased text in excess.