

Plagiarism: Wikistyle

Purpose:

This approach to plagiarism puts the definition and understanding into the students' hands. It allows them to conceptualize the problems of plagiarism, how it translates into digital spaces and the consequences of plagiarism through a medium in which they might likely compose in the future. Most importantly, it creates a sense of "ownership" of standards that they will uphold for themselves and their classmates.

Assignment:

Create a wiki and invite students (via email) to be members of the space; establish two wiki pages: one for definition/understanding and one for consequences in print and digital composition. Using a two part approach, have students read the FSU policy on Plagiarism and then establish their own definition of what plagiarism is, how it is defined by the institution, and how it translates to digital projects (where students most likely remix/remediate images/video/audio in some way). Have students edit the wiki on their own time and have them initial their definitions; otherwise, their posts will replace classmates' posts instead of creating a working definition with 20-25 voices. Discuss their responses and positions regarding plagiarism. Then direct them to the honor code in the student handbook, which outlines consequences for plagiarism/cheating. Then students will respond to the second wiki.

Prompting questions for part one: What does plagiarism include? How do you define it? How does FSU conceptualize it? What is missing? How does plagiarism affect digital spaces/projects? Is there a difference between intended and accidental plagiarism?

Prompting questions for part two: What do you think the consequences for plagiarism should be? How does our institution punish plagiarism? Does that work for digital projects?

Discussion Questions: How does the use of a wiki create a different conversation about plagiarism? Does it complicate the concept? Who "owns" our definition? How will this class help you avoid plagiarism?

After both sections are complete, have students sign the "contract" that acknowledges their participation in a plagiarism activity. Throughout the semester, students will have access to this wiki to revisit (and potentially revise) as you work on projects and build their writing toolboxes.

Medium: Wiki (www.wikispaces.com works well)

Important File: [FSU Student Handbook](#)

Screenshots of "example wiki"

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Welcome to ENC1102's Plagiarism Wiki!

Directions

- Read the official FSU Plagiarism document found under pages
- Go to the Plagiarism Wiki Page that is set up for your section
- Provide your own definition of plagiarism and articulate your understanding of how plagiarism/intellectual property applies to both text and digital media spaces (in the provided space below the blank definition)
- From these definitions there should be 20 in each section, we will construct a disciplinary actions you believe should be enforced

Directions Part 2:

- Under Projects you have been positioned into "teams", these teams are random and ideally include students from both sections of the course. Go to your project, you can only edit the team you are in.
- Inside the project, Establish 2 things: how you believe plagiarism should be punished (keep in mind the idea of intent) What is problematic about the current punishment system for plagiarism?
- For your Punishment suggestions think about: How many offenses equal expulsion? Should there be a three strikes plan? Should it be up to the instructor? How could it account for digital projects?
- For your problematics: Does the punishment system privilege anyone specifically? Does it account for intent? Is this information available to you as a student somewhere on FSU's website?
- Post to your team page by our next class meeting.

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Under each heading:
Enter your definition/explanation/response.
At the end of your definition/explanation/response (1-2 sentences) Put your first name and last initial. Molly D.
Your answer to the question set can house up to 6 sentences.
Once you have edited the wiki, save your contributions.

Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the copying or "borrowing" or downright stealing of another person's words or ideas. This can be done intentionally or unintentionally through sloppy citation or just simply copying it blatantly. - Eric P.

Plagiarism is using someone else's thoughts or ideas as your own. This can be done unintentionally, such as forgetting quotation marks, or intentionally, such as leaving out a citation on purpose to claim an idea as your own. -Stewart R

Plagiarism is the copying or stealing of another person's work by forgetting to use quotations in your paper, borrowing, and careless paraphrasing. Bailey K

Plagiarism is the use of someone else's paper or research, such as copying, for your own purposes in receiving credit. It also could be forgetting to cite the article you were using. Tyler B

Plagiarism is when you cognitively try to pass off someone else's work as your own. -Anthony M

Plagiarism is taking someone else's work that isn't your own and not giving credit to whomever that person is. This can be done by either paraphrasing someone's work to pass it off as your own, inserting a quote and not citing where you found this source or using information from a book or other material of that sort and not labeling where you receive your source. Isney D.

Purposely using someone else's writing as your own is plagiarism. This is possible by borrowing someone else's writing without proper citation and use of another individual's

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