Academic Honesty: A Select Resource List for Teachers

Books


Journal and Periodical Articles


In this article, Doug Johnson, Director of Media and Technology for Mankato Public Schools in Minnesota, offers excellent suggestions for designing research assignments which do not invite plagiarism. He says that teachers must see themselves not as “information dispensers, but guides for information builders”, and includes a useful rubric for teachers to assess the quality of their research questions.


A very useful article on designing plagiarism-proof assignments.

The former Director of Libraries, Media and Technology for the Bellingham, Washington Public Schools, McKenzie offers seven powerful antidotes to the “new strain of plagiarism before it becomes an academic plague”. His antidotes include the discouragement of trivial pursuits, an emphasis on essential questions and a focus on the multi-stage process of research rather than the product, so that students become more than consumers of information.

“Plagiarism - The Ethics of Information Use”, School Libraries in Canada, Vol. 20 No.4, 2001. The entire issue of this magazine is very useful as it deals with steps in the research process, and documentation of sources.

A very useful article with a focus on strategies for preventing plagiarism through assignment design.


Web Sites

Author and educator, Robert Harris offers practical strategies for the awareness, prevention and detection of plagiarism. One notable suggestion is the requirement for a metalearning essay, in which students must reflect, in class and in writing, on their personal research experience--what strategies they used, what confounded them, etc. In addition to giving students an opportunity to think about their learning during the assignment, it also gives the teacher a writing sample for comparison if necessary.


Cheating, Plagiarism (And Other Questionable Practices), The Internet And Other Electronic Resources http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/WomensStudies/plag.htm
This comprehensive site from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, provides a range of articles and sites about internet cheating and plagiarizing, academic misconduct, and academic integrity as well as commercial term paper sites and plagiarism detector sites.

Combating Cybercheating http://www.epcc.edu/vvlib/cheat.htm
A useful set of links to published articles from the Library at El Paso Community College.

This is an excellent high school library site with all sorts of tips for teachers.
The Glatt method for plagiarism detection is to remove words (according to a formula) from a student's paper, then challenge the student to fill in the missing words. This site sells software to do the processing.

University of Toronto’s Writing Centre has a good question and answer page for students on avoiding plagiarism.

Created by librarians to heighten the awareness of faculty at Coastal Carolina University, this site lists more than 250 sites that offer free and for sale essays Including sites such as School Sucks, http://www.schoolsucks.com and The Evil House of Cheat. http://cheathouse.com

Internet Plagiarism http://web.syr.edu/~smpreate/plagiarism2002.ppt
An excellent PowerPoint slide show developed by Suzanne Preate.


Nick Carbone: Thinking and Talking about Plagiarism.
http://bedfordstmartins.com/technotes/techtiparchive/ttip102401.htm

A comprehensive site from Alberta containing teacher lesson plans, scenarios and many Resources.

This is a large collection of annotated links to Plagiarism sites. Sites are grouped by categories: Articles, Copyright & Intellectual Freedom, For Instructors, For Students, Plagiarism Case Studies, Plagiarism Detection Tools, Term Paper Sites, Examples, plus Additional Plagiarism and Ethics Resources. This is an essential site.

Plagiarism: What It Is and How to Recognize and Avoid It.
http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html
A useful set of examples for students.

Plagiarism-The Writing Center-University of Delaware.
http://www.english.udel.edu/wc/handouts/plagiarism.html
Explanations for students of different types of plagiarism.

Purdue University’s On-Line Writing Laboratory. http://owl.english.purdue.edu
This is an excellent site for all phases of the writing process. Especially useful is the section called “Avoiding Plagiarism” at:
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/print/research/r_plagiar.html
Another part of the site has excellent downloadable PowerPoint slide shows on APA and MLA documentation methods.

Resources for Teaching Information Technology Ethics to Children and Young Adults.
http://www.doug-johnson.com/ethics/

A subscription service designed to detect plagiarism. Using a sophisticated search engine, Turnitin.com provides subscribers with an “originality report” highlighting any part of the essay either which has been taken from the Internet, or that appears in their bank of previously submitted student essays. Offers a one month free trial.

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