

# Essay-Writing Improvement Series: “Pirating Words”



Today, we'll define plagiarism and learn how to avoid it.



# pla·gia·rize



\ˈplā-jə-,rīz *also* -jē-ə-\

## *transitive verb*

: to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own : use (another's production) without crediting the source

## *intransitive verb*

: to commit literary theft : present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source

**Other forms: pla·gia·rized;  
pla·gia·riz·ing**

**pla·gia·riz·er** *noun*

**Origin:** *plagiary*.

**First use:** 1716



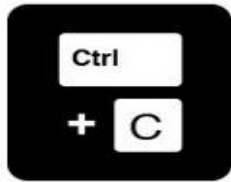
# SSU's Policy on Plagiarism

## Academic Honesty

Students are expected to demonstrate a high standard of academic honesty in all phases of academic work and college life. Academic dishonesty represents an attack on intellectual integrity without which there can be no true education. In taking tests and examinations, completing homework, laboratory work, and writing papers, students are expected to perform honestly. Consequently, Savannah State has established the following policies for detected acts of academic dishonesty.

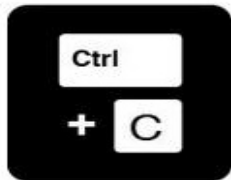
1. All cases of detected academic dishonesty will be reported by the faculty to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
2. Plagiarism or cheating in any academic work will result in a recorded grade of "F" for that work.
3. A second offense during the course of a student's academic career at Savannah State will result in an "F" for the course in which the academic dishonesty has occurred. In addition, students who have committed a second offense of academic dishonesty during their academic career at Savannah State will be placed on academic probation for a minimum of one semester.
4. A third incidence of academic dishonesty during a student's career at Savannah State will result in immediate dismissal from the College.

# Types of Plagiarism



## #1. CLONE

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



## #2. CTRL-C

Contains significant portions of text from a single source without alterations



## #3. FIND - REPLACE

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



## #4. REMIX

Paraphrases from multiple sources, made to fit together



## #5. RECYCLE

Borrows generously from the writer's previous work without citation



## #6. HYBRID

Combines perfectly cited sources with copied passages without citation



## #7. MASHUP

Mixes copied material from multiple sources



## #8. 404 ERROR

Includes citations to non-existent or inaccurate information about sources



## #9. AGGREGATOR

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



## #10. RE-TWEET

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



# Cloning

- The most common and most severe, and includes:
  - Taking someone else's work, word for word, and submitting it as your own.
  - Using your friend's paper is consisted cloning.
  - Paying someone else to write your paper is cloning.
  - Purchasing an essay from the internet.



"Holy great mother of God, I've been cloned!"

# Ctrl-C

## Global Renaissance Woman

Dr. Maya Angelou is one of the most renowned and influential voices of our time. Hailed as a global renaissance woman, Dr. Angelou is a celebrated poet, memoirist, novelist, educator, dramatist, producer, actress, historian, filmmaker, and civil rights activist.

Born on April 4th, 1928, in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Angelou was raised in St. Louis and Stamps, Arkansas. In Stamps, Dr. Angelou experienced the brutality of racial discrimination, but she also absorbed the unshakable faith and values of traditional African-American family, community, and culture.

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Many student were introduced to Angelou by her poem entitled, "Phenomenal Woman." This poem describes a woman who is beautiful by both her confidence and her own standards.

**Though not all of the text was copied, a significant portion was.**

# Find and Replace

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**The first paragraph was basically copied, only a few words were replaced and the order of some words changed.**

# Remix

## *Anointed*

She had a baby out of wedlock and to support herself, she became a madam at a brothel. Later, she became San Francisco's first black cable car operator. After a brief marriage to a Greek sailor, she began to sing calypso music at the Purple Onion Club in Hollywood. From 1954 to 1955 she performed in the European road company of *Porgy and Bess*. In 1957, she recorded a world music LP entitled *Miss Calypso*. She performed in theater productions for years before becoming a journalist in Africa, where she fell in love with an anti-apartheid activist named Vuzumzi Make. For a couple of years, she

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**Information from different sources were paraphrased and combined but not cited.**



# Recycle

- Also known as self-plagiarism or intellectual property recycling
- Consists of using work that you've previously done and passing it off as new work
  - For example, taking an essay written in English 1101 and using it for an assignment required in English 1102 is still considered plagiarism.
  - Exception: explicit permission is granted
- Applies both in and out of school

**SELF-PLAGIARISM**

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Q & A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers