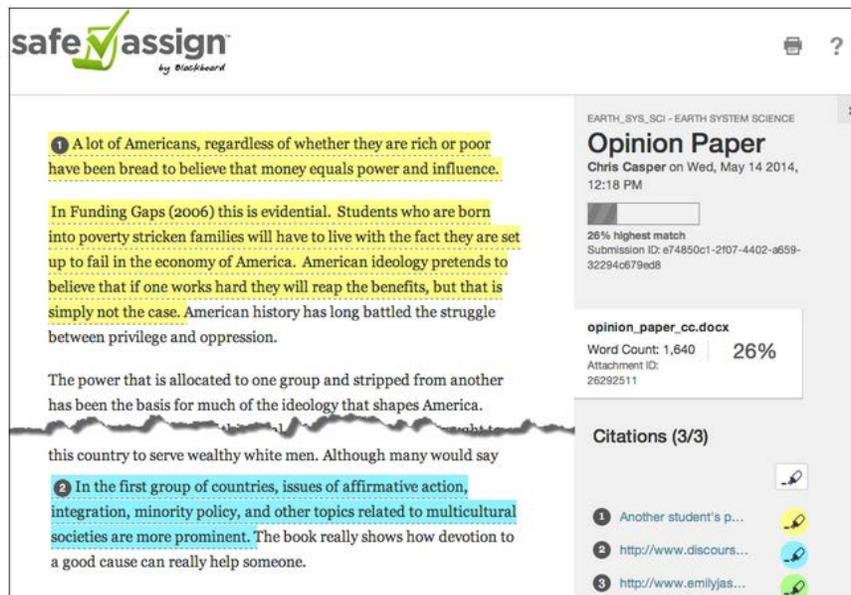


## Interpreting Originality Reports

Originality reports consist of three areas which include the Report Information, Citations and Manuscript Text (See figure 1). Below is a brief explanation for each of the areas of a SafeAssign report.



The screenshot shows a SafeAssign report interface. On the left, the manuscript text is displayed with several highlighted segments. The first segment is highlighted in yellow and contains the text: "A lot of Americans, regardless of whether they are rich or poor have been bread to believe that money equals power and influence." The second segment is also highlighted in yellow and contains the text: "In Funding Gaps (2006) this is evidential. Students who are born into poverty stricken families will have to live with the fact they are set up to fail in the economy of America. American ideology pretends to believe that if one works hard they will reap the benefits, but that is simply not the case. American history has long battled the struggle between privilege and oppression." The third segment is highlighted in blue and contains the text: "In the first group of countries, issues of affirmative action, integration, minority policy, and other topics related to multicultural societies are more prominent. The book really shows how devotion to a good cause can really help someone." On the right side of the report, there is a panel titled "Opinion Paper" which includes the author's name "Chris Casper" and the submission date "Wed, May 14 2014, 12:18 PM". Below this, a progress bar indicates a "26% highest match" with a submission ID of "e74850c1-2107-4402-a659-32294c679ed8". Further down, the file name "opinion\_paper\_cc.docx" is listed along with a "Word Count: 1,640" and "Attachment ID: 26292511". At the bottom of the right panel, there is a "Citations (3/3)" section with three entries: "Another student's p...", "http://www.discours...", and "http://www.emilyjas...".

Figure 1: Originality Report

### Report Information

Report information is listed in the right hand panel of the Safe Assign report. Report information includes the following information: Author, percentage of matching text and word count, as well as the submission date of the SafeAssignment.



This image is a close-up of the report information field from the SafeAssign report. It displays the following information: the file name "opinion\_paper\_cc.docx", the "Word Count: 1,640", and the "Attachment ID: 26292511". The percentage of matching text, "26%", is prominently displayed in a large font.

Figure 2: Reviewing the Report information field

## Citations

The Citations area includes the sources that SafeAssign suggests the text may have been plagiarized from. This area can include multiple sources with each source having a different number and color associated with that source (See figure 3).

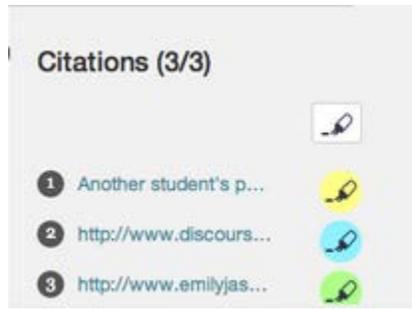


Figure 3: Reviewing the Citations sources

## Manuscript Text

Includes the Submitted Assignment along with color text highlighting text is potentially plagiarized from, with numbers to identify potential sources.

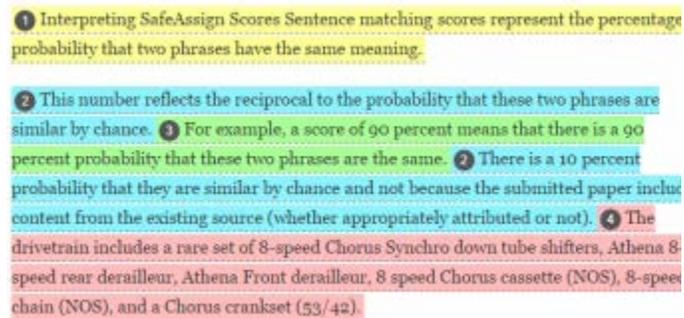


Figure 4: Manuscript Text

## Matching Scores

Sentence matching scores displays the percentage probability that two sentences have the same meaning.

This number can also indicate the probability that the text is similar by chance. For example, a score of 90 percent means that there is a 90 percent probability that submission is the same. A 10 percent probability says that they are similar by chance and not because the submitted paper includes content from the existing source (whether or not it is appropriately attributed).

The Overall score is an indicator of what percentage of the submitted paper matches existing sources. This score is a warning indicator only. Papers should be reviewed to see if text that matches is properly attributed.

### What do these matching scores indicate?

**Scores below 15 percent:** These papers typically include some quotes and few common phrases or blocks of text that match other documents. These papers typically do not require further analysis, as there is no evidence that plagiarism is likely for these papers.

**Scores between 15 percent and 40 percent:** These papers include extensive quoted or paraphrased material or they may include plagiarism. These papers should be reviewed to determine whether the matching content is properly attributed.

**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 and should be reviewed for plagiarism.

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