

Understanding the Turnitin Similarity Report: The new experience

A student guide

The Turnitin Similarity Report quantifies how similar your work is to other pieces of writing, highlighting any areas in your paper that match outside sources. Using that information, educators can determine if the matches are appropriate or not, based on assignment expectations and your school's acceptable thresholds. Continue reading to better understand what this information means and how you can use it to improve your writing.

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	embodies the essence of competition	, teamwork, and the thrill of victory. However, the origins of baseball are shrouded in a historical			
	narrative that traces its roots back to	early forms of bat-and-ball games. As a college freshman exploring the fascinating history of	28% Overall Simile	arity 4	T Filte
	baseball, this essay aims to shed ligh	t on the evolution of the game, from its ancient predecessors to the establishment of modern	1 Match Groups	Z Sour	rces
	baseball as we know it today.			5	
	The origins of baseball can be tra-	eed back to ancient civilizations. Evidence suggests that games resembling baseball were played in			
	Egypt, Greece, and Rome. In these e	arly variations, players would use sticks to hit balls and run around bases. These primitive forms	12 matches to Turnitin's databases for	Ind	Show Help 💲
	of bat-and-ball games served as the	foundation for the development of more structured sports in later centuries.	4 Not Cited or Quoted		129
	British Influences: Baseball, as we re	ecognize it today, owes much of its development to the early British settlers who immigrated to	99 2 Missing Quotations		89
] 1	America. Various bat-and-ball game	s, such as rounders and cricket, were prevalent in England during the 18th century. These games			
] 1	heavily influenced the growth of bas	eball, especially in its rules and terminology. It is believed that British immigrants brought their	😑 0 Missing Citation		0%
] 1	bat-and-ball traditions to North Ame	rica, where they blended with local customs to form the early stages of baseball.	🗢 6 Cited and Quoted Ma	atches	89
	A widely held misconception rega	rding the origins of baseball involves the mythical figure of Abner Doubleday. According to			
	popular belief, Doubleday is credited	d with inventing baseball in 1839 in Cooperstown, New York. However, historical research has			
	debunked this claim, revealing that I	Doubleday's role in the development of baseball was largely fictionalized. In reality, the evolution	2 4 Not Cited or Quoted 4 matches in 2 sources		
	of baseball was a gradual process, w	ith various regional variations emerging across America.	4 matches in 2 sources		
9 2	The New York Knickerbockers an	d the Birth of Modern Baseball: While the exact origins of baseball remain elusive, one pivotal	1 Internet I Not Cited	or Quoted	
	moment in the game's history can be	traced to the establishment of the New York Knickerbocker Base Ball Club in 1845. The	en.wikipedia.org		2
	Knickerbockers, led by Alexander C	artwright, introduced a set of formalized rules and regulations for baseball. Cartwright's rules,		atched words	-
2	which included the concept of a diar	nond-shaped field and the adoption of foul lines, laid the groundwork for the modern game of			
	baseball.		4 Internet 📃 Not Cited	or Quoted	
	As baseball gained momentum in	the mid-19th century, various baseball clubs were formed across America. The first recorded	www.baseballtoday.com		2
	baseball game took place in 1846 be	tween the Knickerbockers and a team from a rival club. From that point on, the popularity of	I≣ 2 matching text blocks	atched words	
J 3	baseball soared, and the sport began	to transcend social and economic boundaries. The Civil War further contributed to the spread of			
3	baseball, as soldiers from different r	egions introduced the game to new areas.	2 Missing Quotations		
	By the late 19th century, baseball	had become a professional sport. The formation of the National League in 1876 marked a	2 matches in 2 sources		
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A New View: Match Groups 1

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Source cards 2

Source cards present a wealth of information on the source including the name, percentage of text matched within the document, number of matched text blocks and words, and more. You can also view the full source text or exclude the match directly from the source card.

Sources 3

Organizes sources by descending total similarity percentage. Click on a source to highlight its corresponding section in the paper, or select the "show all overlapping sources" toggle to display individual source cards for all matches, including overlaps.

Filters and Settings 4

T Filters

Use filters and settings to exclude citations, quotes, or bibliographic information from your writing.

 Settings are usually controlled by the educators during assignment set up. If quotations are being highlighted within your text, speak with your educator about the filters and settings for your assignment.

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What is a reasonable Similarity Score?

There is no fixed number to receive as a score in your Turnitin Similarity Report. Consult your educator for details on your school's acceptable threshold for assignments.

- A high Similarity Score means that very little of your paper is your own writing.
- Zero similarity means that you aren't including any source-based evidence, a requirement for many assignments.
- Some similarity is usually expected.

Review the chart at the end of this document for more information.

What can I do with the information in my report?

The information in your Turnitin Similarity Report should help you make decisions about how to improve your writing, whether that is in later drafts of the same assignment or on future assignments of a different nature. If you have the opportunity to revise your writing based on your Similarity Score, consider the following:

- Choose only the most significant quotes or parts of quotes to include from your sources.
- Summarize, paraphrase, or explain an idea in your own words rather than quoting it directly.
- Cite all of your evidence using the appropriate citation style.

What should I do if I need help with my score?

Educators can access the same Similarity Reports as students. If you have questions or concerns about your score or any information within your report, discuss it with your educator in a timely manner.

- Bring details and data from your paper and your report so you can have an informed conversation about your current score and how you can make changes to improve.
- Spend some time before this conversation reflecting on your work, noting areas that may need attention, and determining ways that you can revise your writing to improve your Similarity Score.





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