

Accessing and Interpreting your Similarity Report

Submit as normal and you will find that your work will probably be placed in queue for Turnitin. *Remember that it may take several hours (or longer) for the similarity report to become available.* The similarity report will be available to you at draft submission stage – so it is possible for you to wait to read it before making your final submission

When the digital receipt from Turnitin arrives, you may need to wait a few minutes longer for Moodle and Turnitin to sync. Go back to the assignment dropbox – you will now be able to see a number against your submission.

The screenshot displays the Turnitin submission status page in a Moodle environment. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://queens.commonawards.org/mod/assign/view.php?id=30636&action=view>. The page title is "Turnitin" and the submission status is "Draft (not submitted)". The submission details table is as follows:

Field	Value
Submission status	Draft (not submitted)
Grading status	Not marked
Due date	Wednesday, 25 October 2017, 12:00 AM
Time remaining	6 days 14 hours
Last modified	Wednesday, 18 October 2017, 9:01 AM
File submissions	Not Quite what Wesley said.docx Turnitin ID: 76037036 36%

Below the submission details, there are buttons for "Edit submission" and "Submit assignment". A note at the bottom states: "Once this assignment is submitted you will not be able to make any more changes." The page also features a navigation menu on the left and an accessibility panel on the right.

Turnitin checks for similarity – not plagiarism. In other words it alerts us every time something in your assignment is similar to another source. In this case, the work submitted included a lot of quotes – which have been picked up, even though they are properly referenced. Quoting the Bible, for example, or even using the Queen’s assignment coversheet, will be flagged by Turnitin, as all it can do is identify ‘similarities’ with other material. In other words, if you have referenced properly, a ‘high score’ is not necessarily an issue. Click on the number to access the similarity report itself.

quoting Wesley)

When John Wesley toured the country he did not just preach, he also interviewed local Methodists about whether or not they were living by the General Rules (that must have been fun for the Methodists) and threw out those whose answers he did not like. The phrase 'ceased to meet' does go back to Wesley and he had no hesitation in applying it. In my worst moments, I imagine he enjoyed interviewing so much that when I get to heaven I'm going to find a long queue of naughty Methodists waiting for their turn to explain to the great man how and why they misquoted him. Here are a few tips to avoid joining the back of that queue.

be part of the Soviet bloc. Between a modern country and
 ologian (see below), which do you think the spell checker on
 'll leave that one with you.

Jacobus Arminius (1560-1609) was a Dutch Reformed theologian; his followers are sometimes called the Remonstrants, because they present a Remonstrance to the Dutch parliament. This asserted that Christ died for all (not just for those whom God chose) and that election should be interpreted as meaning that God chooses that those who believe will be saved. In English, Arminianism has come to be used as shorthand for a denial of predestination and the argument that God's grace is

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As you read the report look for where text has been highlighted – click on the number and you will see the source. Note that the 'similarity' above is just a few words and would not count as plagiarism. You are looking for longer highlighted text which has not been referenced.

Turnitin is not perfect software and we have been advised to set it so that it picks up quotations even when are referenced – so expect to see your quotes highlighted. Remember that Turnitin is a guide to the marker only – the marker and moderator will investigate anything it highlights carefully and will make an independent judgement about whether this amounts to plagiarism.

If a longer piece of text is highlighted and you have not referenced it, there is a good possibility that the text is plagiarised. Certainly, a marker would investigate that part of the assignment very carefully. You need to either make sure that you have expressed the ideas you want to convey in your own words or turn that piece of text into a properly referenced quotation.

For more help see:

https://guides.turnitin.com/01_Manuals_and_Guides/Instructor_Guides/Feedback_Studio/19_The_Similarity_Report/Interpreting_the_Similarity_Report