How to Review and Interpret the Originality Report from SafeAssign in Blackboard

1. Click **View Originality Report** to review your **SafeAssign** report.

2. Report information appears in the right panel of the report. You can view data about the paper, such as the author, percent of matching text, word count, and when it was submitted. If students have included multiple attachments, they appear with the report information.

3. The sources that include text that matches the submitted paper's text are listed in the right panel of the report. You can expand the section to select sources, exclude them from the review, and process the paper again.

4. The submitted paper appears in the left panel of the report. All matching blocks of text are identified. Each source has a color specific to the source—up to 30 unique colors for 30 different sources. Text matching a source is highlighted in the source color and identified with a number. In the right panel, you can click Show/Hide All Highlighting to turn source highlighting off and on for all sources at one time. You can turn the
highlighting off and on for only one citation. Click Remove or Show Highlighting next to a citation.

5. Click a matching block of text to display information about the original source and the probability that the block or sentence was copied from the source.

6. The overall SafeAssign score indicates the probability that the submitted paper contains matches to existing sources. This score is a warning indicator only. Review papers to see if the matches are properly attributed.
   - **Scores below 15 percent:** These papers typically include some quotes and few common phrases or blocks of text that match other documents. Typically, these papers do not require further analysis as there is no evidence of plagiarism.
   - **Scores between 15 percent and 40 percent:** These papers include extensive quoted or paraphrased material, or they include plagiarism. Review these papers to determine if the matching text is properly referenced.
   - **Scores over 40 percent:** A very high probability exists that text in these papers was copied from other sources. These papers include quoted or paraphrased text in excess, and need to be reviewed for plagiarism.