

Example
Independent Writing
Items

ELA Indicator 2.1.i

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(Grades 3-8, 11)

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4.2.1.i	Display academic honesty and integrity by avoiding plagiarism and/or overreliance on any one source and by following a standard format for citation.
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19. A student is doing research for a report on early filmmaking. Read her two sources and complete the task that follows.

Source 1

Modern moviegoers, familiar with dramatic special effects, are often surprised by the simplicity of early motion pictures. It is hard to imagine how black-and-white movies with no sound and simple plots could excite an audience. And yet in 1903, *The Great Train Robbery* created a sensation with no color, no soundtrack, and less than a dozen minutes in which to tell a simple but exciting story.

Source 2

The Kinetoscope was an early type of movie projector invented by Thomas Edison in 1891. For Edison, the invention was an amusing distraction, a toy. The moving images were the result of playful experiment. Most of the early efforts to produce motion pictures were brief representations of familiar scenes, such as a running horse or a man sneezing. Even so, people found them fascinating.

Select **two** statements that should be revised because they plagiarize one or both of the sources. Select **two**.

- A. Audiences were amazed by even simple images like a man sneezing or a horse running.
- B. As filmmakers gradually learned, audiences loved motion pictures that told an interesting story.
- C. Most of the early efforts to produce motion pictures were brief representations of familiar scenes.
- D. People today, who are familiar with dramatic special effects, are often surprised by the simplicity of early movies.
- E. It seems likely that people were attracted to even the simplest of motion pictures because of novelty.
- F. Even without special effects or sound, black-and-white movies were as popular as any movie made today.

Item Information		
Alignment	8.2.1.i	Display academic honesty and integrity by avoiding plagiarism and/or overreliance on any one source and by following a standard format for citation.
Answer Key	C, D	Option Annotations
Depth of Knowledge	2	
Focus	Avoid Plagiarism	
		<p>The student is asked to determine two statements that are plagiarized. The correct answers are Options C and D. Option C is plagiarized because it is a direct copy of the first half of a sentence used in Source 2. Option D is plagiarized because, while the words “People today” and “movies” are used to replace “Modern moviegoers” and “motion pictures,” the rest of the sentence is verbatim to the original sentence in Source 1. Options A, B, E, and F are incorrect because, while they include information from the sources, the information has been put into the student’s own words.</p> <p>This item is worth 2 points. To receive full credit, the student must correctly identify both statements that are plagiarized. To receive 1 point, the student must correctly identify one of the statements that is plagiarized.</p>

INDEPENDENT WRITING ITEMS

17. A student is conducting research for a report about the county where she lives. Read her online source and the directions that follow.

Source: statehandbook/burlesoncounty/geography/online

Burleson County consists of 423 square miles of gently sloping and level terrain with elevations ranging from 4260 feet in the southeast to 4890 feet in the northwest. The La Salle River is the one major watercourse and flows from the northwest to the southeast with tributaries draining both the western and eastern half of the county. Two natural geographic regions dominate the county: the smaller, Redland Prairie region in the southeast is predominately rolling grassland with soil of mostly shallow clay. The Timber Breaks region contains an abundance of deep loamy soil that supports hardwoods such as American elm and box elder. 84% of Burleson County is considered prime farm land.

The student wrote the following paragraph for her report. Select the sentence that requires revision to avoid plagiarizing the online source.

  

Burleson County is one of the fastest growing areas in the state, particularly the southeast portion of the county. New apartments and single-family homes are being built in the Redland Prairie area, where 60 acres of rolling grassland have been set aside for a regional high school. One of the significant effects of this development will be increased recreational traffic in the two county parks along the river. The La Salle River is the one major watercourse and flows to the southeast with tributaries draining the county. The only other alternative for camping is Ladder Bluff Canyon in the Timber Breaks region where public access is limited. Most of that northwestern part of the county is prime farm land and privately owned.

Answer Key – Completed Correct Response

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Alignment	12.2.1.i	Display academic honesty and integrity by avoiding plagiarism and/or overreliance on any one source and by following a standard format for citation.
Answer Key	Sentence 4	Option Annotations The student is asked to identify the sentence in the paragraph that is plagiarized. The correct answer is sentence 4, “The La Salle River is the one major watercourse and flows to the southeast with tributaries draining the county.” This is the correct answer because it is a direct copy of sentence 2 in the original source. The other options are incorrect because they include sentences that are not pulled directly from the online source.
Depth of Knowledge	2	
Focus	Avoid Plagiarism	