Examples of Plagiarism from Turnitin.com

According to “The Plagiarism Spectrum: Tagging 10 Types of Unoriginal Work” (Turnitin.com), some types of plagiarism are more prevalent than others and may be driven by the strong influence of the Internet and social media. They list the types of plagiarism as:

1. **Clone**: Submitting another’s work, word-for-word as one’s own.
2. **CTRL-C**: Contains significant portions of text from a single source without alterations.
3. **Find-Replace**: Changing key words and phrases but retaining the essential content of the source.
4. **Remix**: Paraphrases from multiple sources, made to fit together.
5. **Recycle**: Borrows generously from the writer’s previous work without citation.
6. **Hybrid**: Combines perfectly cited sources and copied passages without citation.
7. **Mash-Up**: Mixes copied material from multiple sources.
8. **404 Error**: Includes citations to non-existent or inaccurate information about sources.
9. **Aggregator**: Includes proper citation to sources but the paper contains almost no original work.
10. **Re-tweet**: Includes proper citation but relies too closely on the text’s original wording and/or source.

(http://pages.turnitin.com/plagiarism_spectrum.html):

![Figure 1 Frequency Scores](image1.png)

![Figure 2 Problematic Scores](image2.png)
Now let’s talk about examples of each type of plagiarism according to Turnitin.com,

#1 Clone: Submitting another’s work, word-for-word, as one’s own  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Original</th>
<th>Unoriginal</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| A Natural Setting  
A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley | A Natural Setting  
A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley |
| Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature. | Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature. |
| **Plagiarized** |  |

#2 CTRL-C: Contains significant portions of text from a single source without alterations  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Original</th>
<th>Unoriginal</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| A Natural Setting  
A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley | A Natural Setting  
A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley |
| From the time of its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, possession on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. And Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, while perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature. | From the time of its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, possession on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. And Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, while perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature. |
| **Plagiarized** |  |
A Natural Setting

A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley

Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

### Plagiarized

A Beautiful Setting in Yosemite

Since its first discovery by non-native people in the mid-19th century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even sacred, hold on the American psyche because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mindset, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing political movements, migration patterns and environmental issues as man has become more attuned to their relationship and impact on nature.

### Paraphrased from another source with no citation.

An Untouched View

A History of Settlement and Change in Yosemite Valley

The first non-natives to see Yosemite Valley were probably members of the mid-nineteenth century, Joseph Walker Party, who crossed the Sierra Nevada from east to west. The first descriptions of Yosemite came almost 20 years later. From the start, the valley has been renowned for its natural beauty, and highly regarded as the centerpiece of Yosemite National Park, attracting visitors from around the world. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to their relationship and impact on nature.
#5 Recycle: Borrows generously from writer’s previous work without citation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Original</th>
<th>Unoriginal</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **A Natural Setting**  
*A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley*  
Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature. | **Ecology 201:**  
*An Unnatural Expectation*  
*The Impact of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley*  
From its first discovery by the Ahwahneechee in the mid-nineteenth century Yosemite Valley has held a unique, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time reflecting changing politics, human migration patterns and the rise of environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature. |

Plagiarized

#6 Hybrid: Combines perfectly cited sources with copied passages without citation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Original</th>
<th>Unoriginal</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **A Natural Setting**  
*A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley*  
Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature. | **A Natural Setting**  
*A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley*  
Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. *Native Americans have lived the Yosemite region for as 8,000 years. The first people that we have record of was a band of Native Americans that called the Valley “Ah-wah-nee” and themselves the Ahwahneechee.* While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature. |

Plagiarized

Improperly Cited

---

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yosemite_Valley>
### #7 Mash-up: Mixes copied material from multiple sources

### Frequency

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Original</th>
<th>Unoriginal</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**A Natural Setting**  
*A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley*

Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

### Problematic

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Plagiarized</th>
<th>Paraphrased from another source with no citation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

### #8 404 Error: Includes citations to existent or inaccurate information about sources

### Frequency

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Original</th>
<th>Unoriginal</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**A Natural Setting**  
*A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley*

“Since its first discovery by the Joseph Walker Party in the mid-nineteenth century”¹ Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all “special temples of nature.”² While Yosemite holds a grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to their relationship and impact on nature.”³

### Problematic

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Incorrect Information about Sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

¹ For an insightful discussion of Walker’s expedition, including an extended description of their first sight of Yosemite Valley, see Walker’s original piece in *The Golden Times*. May 5, 1853 : p. 4. Print.


#9 Aggregator: Includes proper citation to sources but the paper contains almost no original work

**Frequency** 2.8  
**Problematic** 2.9

### Original

**A Natural Setting**  
*A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley*

Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of Nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

### Unoriginal

**A Natural Setting**  
*A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley*

Yosemite Valley was first sighted by non-Indians in 1833 by Joseph Rutherford Walker and his group of explorers.  
Yosemite has a long and diverse cultural history that helped to shape the region, country, and even the world. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to their relationship and impact on nature.


---

#10 Re-tweet: Includes proper citation, but relies too closely on the text’s original wording and/or structure

**Frequency** 4.4  
**Problematic** .5

### Original

**A Natural Setting**  
*A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley*

Since its first discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley had held a special, even religious, hold on the American conscience because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. While Yosemite holds a special grip on the western mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time due to changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as man has become more attuned to his relationship and impact on nature.

### Unoriginal

**A History of Exploration and Settlement in Yosemite Valley**

From its earliest discovery by non-indigenous people in the mid-nineteenth century, Yosemite Valley has held a spiritual hold on the American conscience; its beauty is incomparable and has been held up as one of the grandest of all special temples of nature. While Yosemite has a special grip on the western mind, impressions about the Valley have evolved over time, shaped by changing politics, migration patterns and environmental concerns as mankind has become more attuned to its relationship and impact on nature.


---

**Proper Citation but is too close to the original**
Other examples of plagiarism occur:

- When you cut and paste someone else’s words without a citation, you are plagiarizing.
- When you ask your parents or someone else to edit your work inserting their ideas instead of yours, you are plagiarizing.
- When you use the same paper for two or more classes (without permission from your professor), you are plagiarizing.
- When you turn in someone else’s paper as your own or when you purchase a paper from another student or from an online research or term paper company, you are plagiarizing.
- When most of your paper is citations and contains very little of your own work, you are plagiarizing.
- When you mix copied material from numerous sources, so the citations are not accurate, you are plagiarizing.
- When you list citations to sources that do not exist, you are plagiarizing.