

How to Use Savvas Realize and SimCheck by Turnitin



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About This Guide

This guide focuses on how SimCheck by Turnitin and Savvas Realize work together. To learn more about the features and functionality of SimCheck, there is help located within the program itself and you can access this once students have submitted papers.

What is SimCheck?

SimCheck® by Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention system that makes it easy to identify students who submit unoriginal work. It acts as a powerful deterrent to stop plagiarism before it starts.

How to Access SimCheck

SimCheck is embedded within the myPerspectives courses in the Realize Table of Contents.



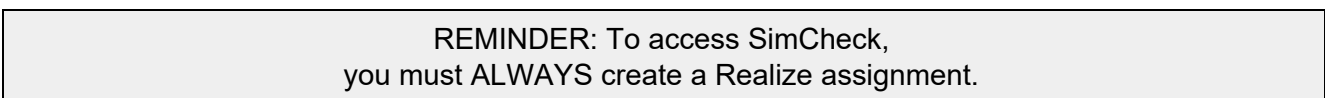
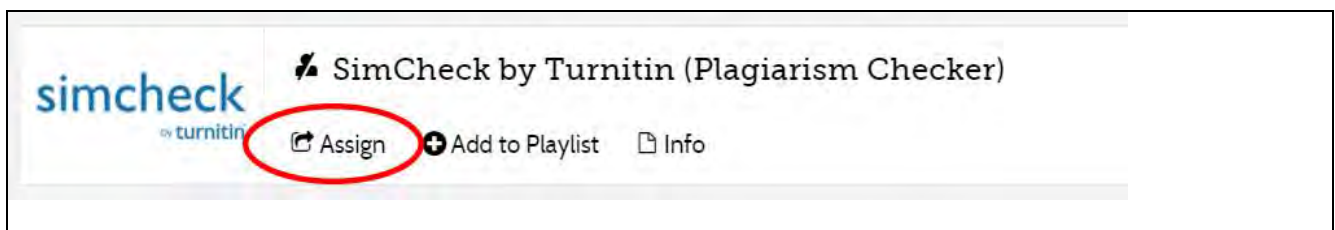
Teachers and students cannot access SimCheck unless an assignment is created in Realize -- even if an actual student-facing assignment is not required. If an assignment is not created and you try to access SimCheck, you will see the message below:



Creating an Assignment in Realize

To access SimCheck, you need to first create an assignment in Realize. *Creating and launching an assignment is the ONLY way to access SimCheck.* You must ALWAYS create an assignment in Realize to access SimCheck. To create the Realize assignment, follow the steps below.

Step 1: Select SimCheck from the myPerspectives Table of Contents and click "Assign".



Step 2: A “Create an assignment” box will open and the default assignment title is “SimCheck by Turnitin (Plagiarism Checker).” Enter the assignment title, Start and Due dates, Instructions (optional), and select the class. Click Assign.

The screenshot shows a "Create an assignment" dialog box. The title bar is green and says "Create an assignment". On the left, there is a "simcheck by turnitin" logo. The main area is divided into several sections: "Title" with a text box containing "SimCheck by Turnitin (Plagiarism Checker)"; "Start date" and "Due date" with calendar icons, showing "08/03/2020" and "08/14/2020" respectively; a checkbox for "Set start and end times"; an "Instructions" text box containing "Upload your Unit 1 essay to check for plagiarism." with a "201 characters remaining" indicator; and "Enter a class, group, or student name" with a dropdown menu showing "Gr 9 Pd 1". At the bottom right, there are "Cancel" and "Assign" buttons.

NOTE: It is recommended (and optional) that you name the assignment to match the assignment title that is easily identifiable by you and your students (i.e. Unit 1 Argument Plagiarism Check, Argument SimCheck, Literary Analysis Plag Check).

If you don't rename the assignment, your students will see "SimCheck by Turnitin (Plagiarism Checker)" in their assignment queue, and this is not very specific.

Don't forget, in order for students to use SimCheck, you need to create a Realize assignment.

How Students Complete a SimCheck Assignment

Step 1: Students click the Classes tab from the Realize home page to access assignments.



Step 2: Students will see a list of their assignments. To access SimCheck, click the assignment link.



NOTE: You will notice this assignment title has not been modified, so students see “SimCheck by Turnitin (Plagiarism Checker)”.

If you modify the assignment title to be more specific to the lesson or essay, it may be helpful for students, but changing the assignment title is not required.

Step 3: The assignment box will open with the assignment details. Click “SimCheck by Turnitin (Plagiarism Checker)” under “Assigned work”.

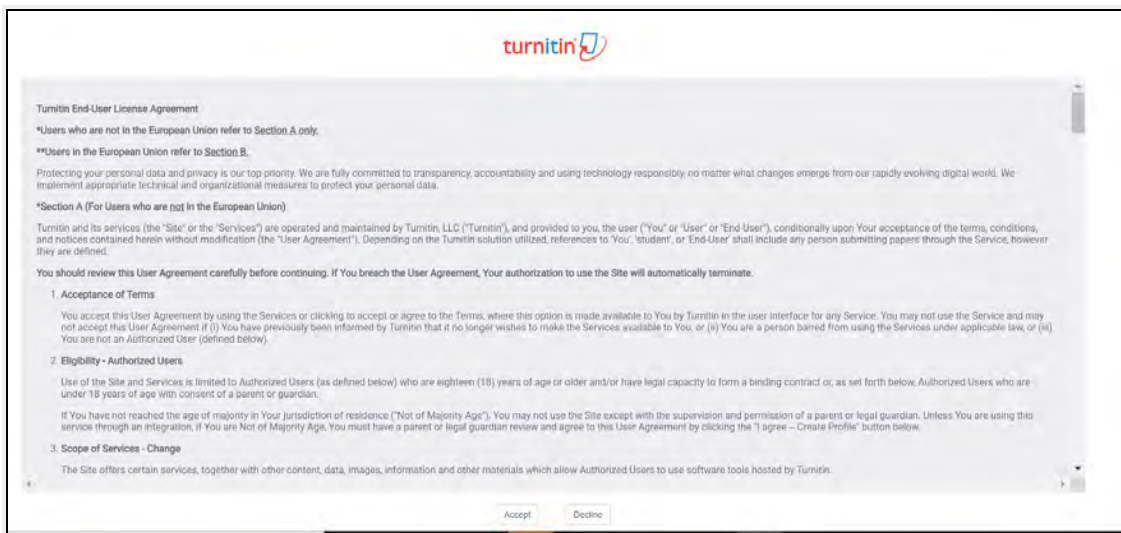
The screenshot shows the interface for the 'SimCheck by Turnitin (Plagiarism Checker)' assignment. At the top, there is a red header with a back arrow icon and the title 'SimCheck by Turnitin (Plagiarism Checker)'. Below the header, the program is listed as 'myPerspectives'. The start date is '08/02/20 12:00am' and the due date is '08/07/20 11:59pm'. On the right side, there are two buttons: a black 'Turn In' button and a white 'Attach File' button with a dropdown arrow. Below these, there is a comment section with the text 'Add a Comment', a 'Cancel' button, and a 'Post' button. The main content area is titled 'Assigned work' and contains a table with the following data:

			Score
1		SimCheck by Turnitin (Plagiarism Checker)	Not Started

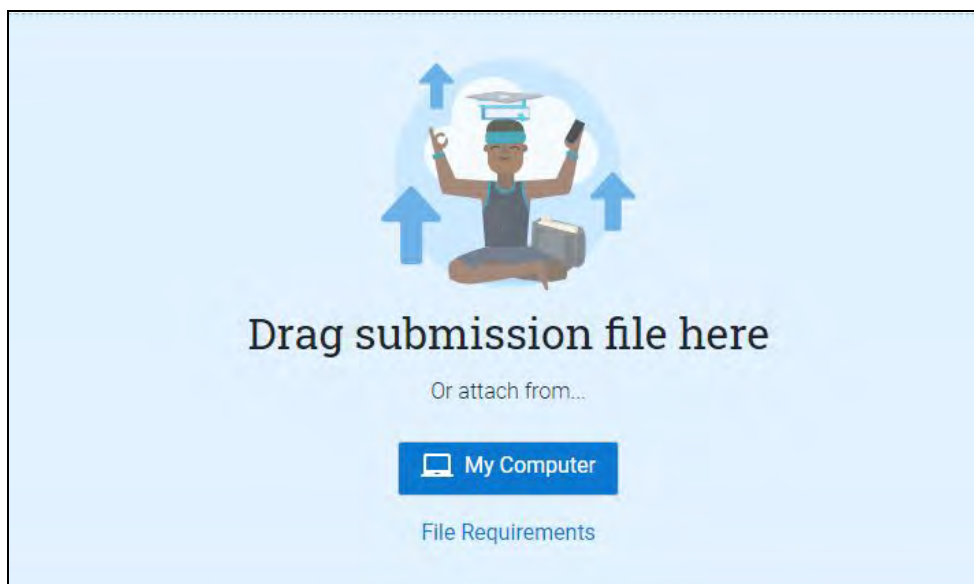
Step 4: Click the “Open in new window” icon.

A close-up of a button with the 'simcheck by turnitin' logo on the left, the text 'Open in new window' in the center, and a white right-pointing arrow icon on a dark background on the right.

Step 5: If this is the first time a student is accessing SimCheck, they need to agree to the Turnitin End-User License Agreement by clicking Accept on the bottom of the screen.

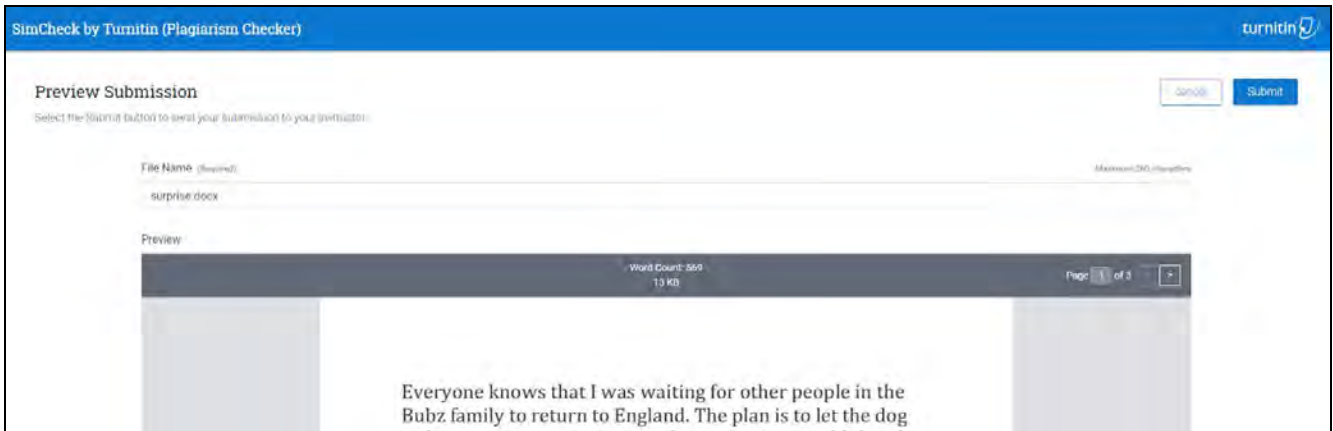


Step 6: Once logged in to SimCheck, students can drag and drop files into the space near the upload icon or browse and select a file from their computer.

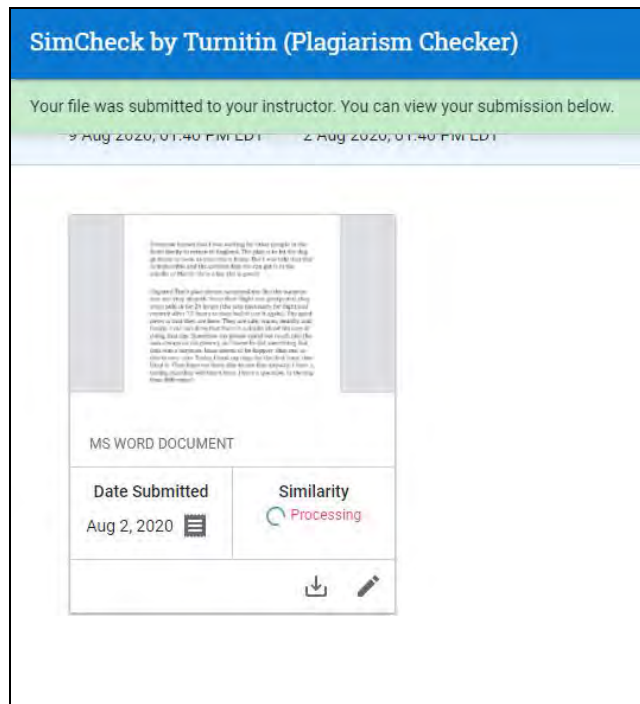


- Supported File Types include Text, MS Word, MS PowerPoint Postscript, PDF, RTF, HTML, WordPerfect, OpenOffice
 - File must be less than 40MB.

Step 7: When a file is selected and uploaded, you will see a Preview of the paper/submission. Students are able to change the file name here, but it is not required. Click “Submit”.

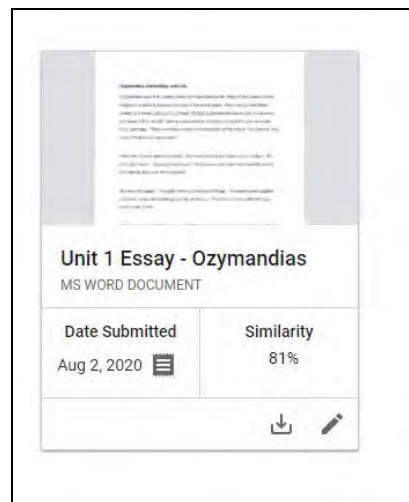


Step 8: A pop-up window indicates the paper is being processed.

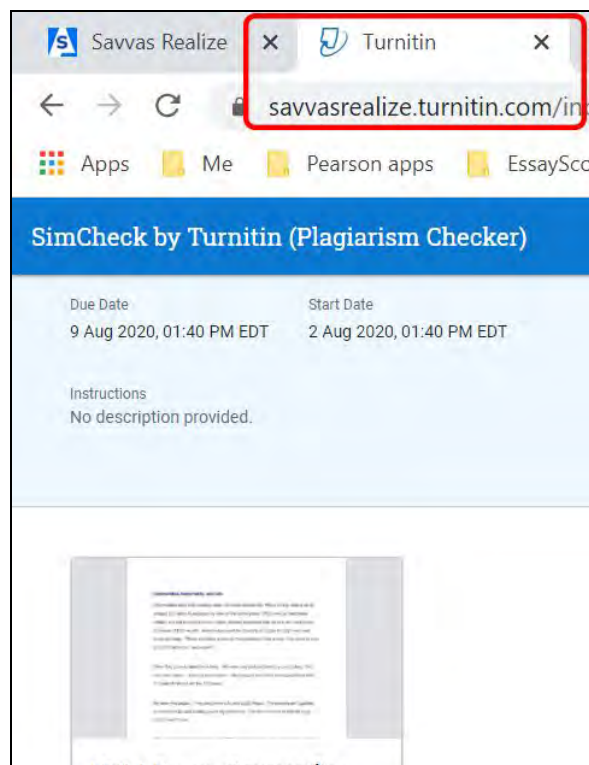


Step 9: When the paper has been run through SimCheck, the similarity score will appear.

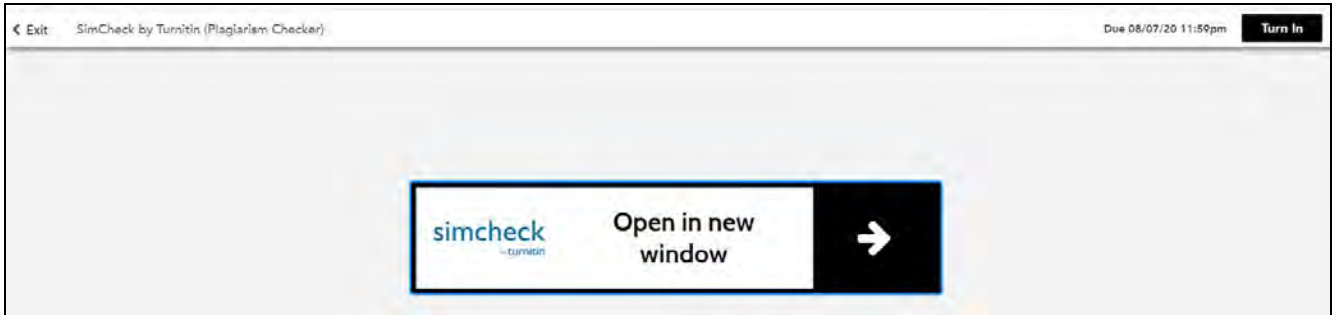
In this example, the percentage of content that is similar to other sources on the Internet is 81%. The student will see these results.



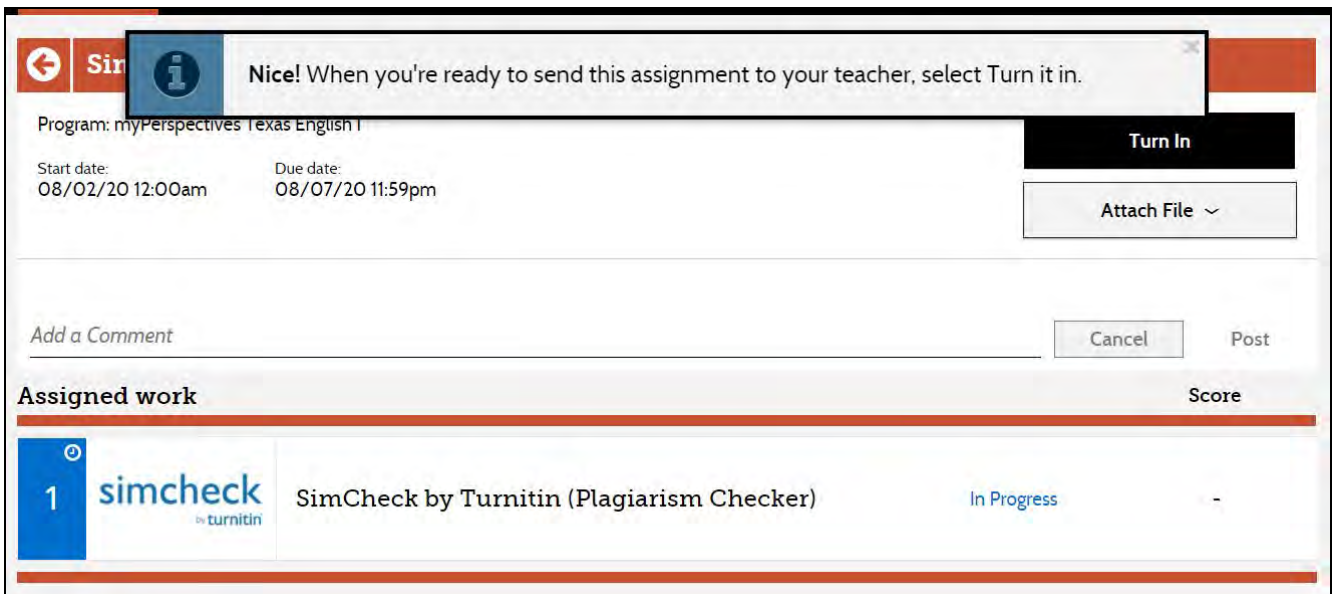
Step 10: Close the SimCheck assignment and return to Realize to turn the assignment in. There is no Exit or Back button within SimCheck, so to close SimCheck, simply close the tab.



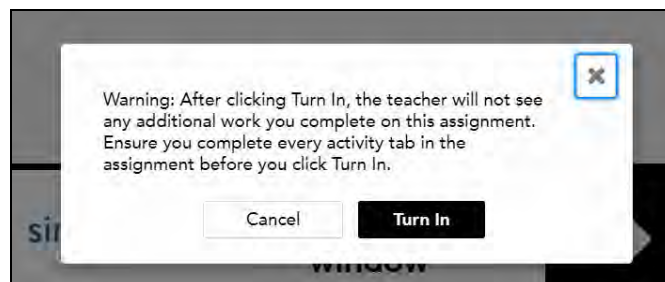
Step 11: Click the Realize tab to return to Realize. From this screen, students can click Exit in the top left or Turn In in the top right corner to turn in the Realize assignment. “Exit” allows students to add comments and/or attach files to the assignment while “Turn In” does not.



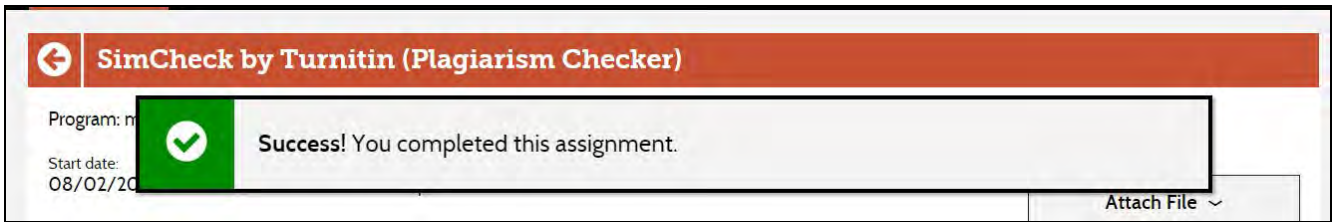
If “Exit” is selected, the student can add a comment and/or attach a file to the assignment. Attaching the file that the student uploaded into SimCheck allows teachers to see the paper in Realize.



If “Turn In” is selected, students cannot add comments or files, they are only able to Turn In the assignment.

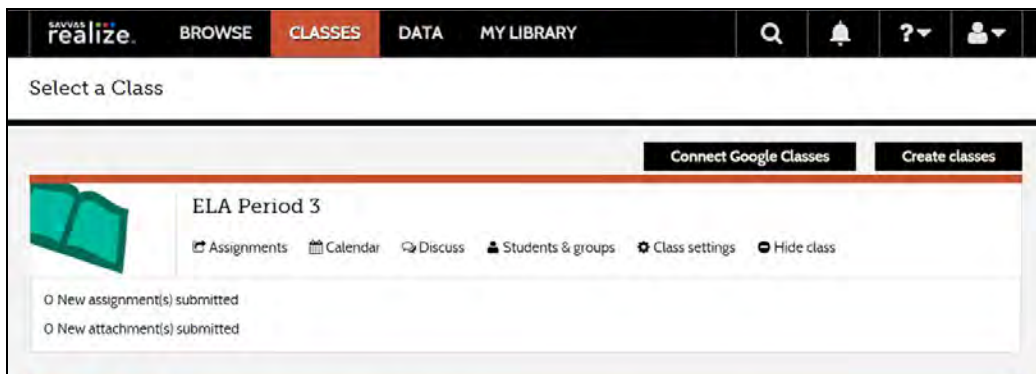


Step 12: Once the assignment is turned in, students will see the message below. Teachers will now be able to log in to SimCheck to preview the student submissions.

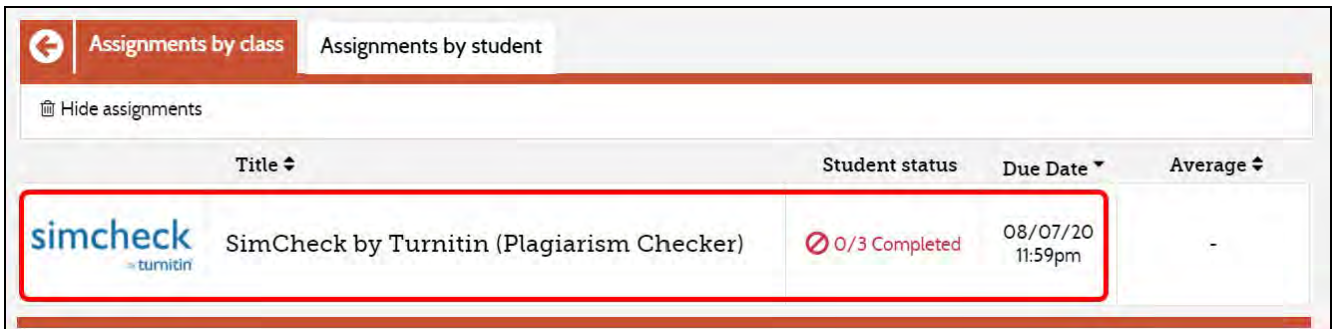


How Teachers Review Student Submissions in SimCheck

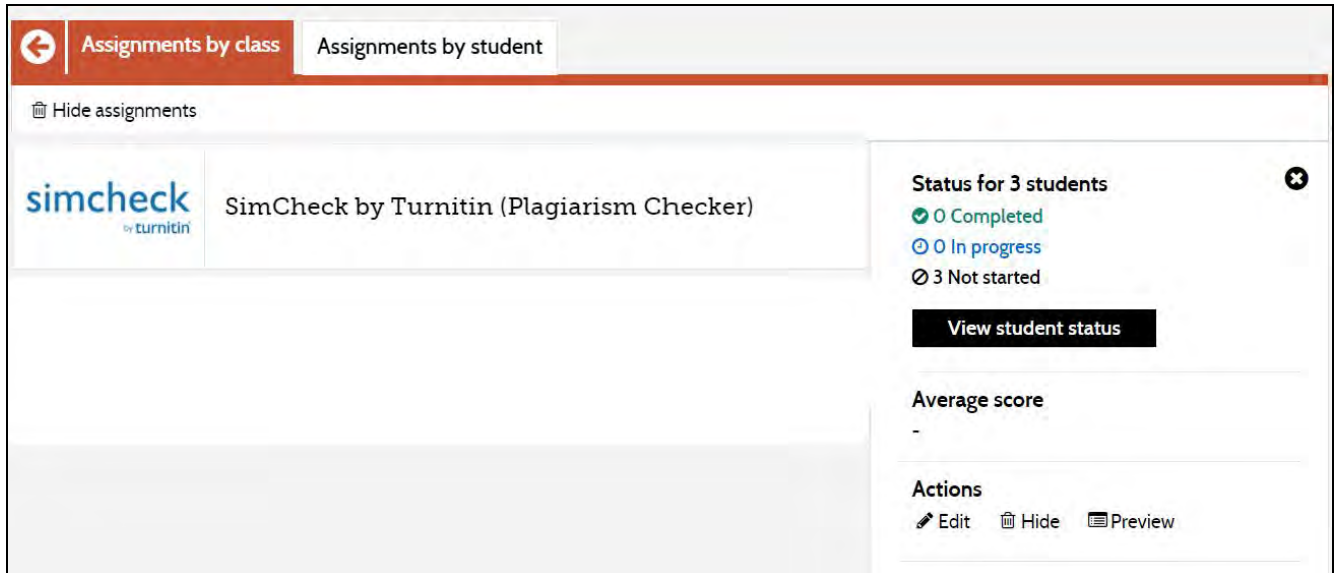
Step 1: Navigate to the class under “Classes” and click “Assignments.”



Step 2: The “Assignments by class” list will appear, click on the assignment.



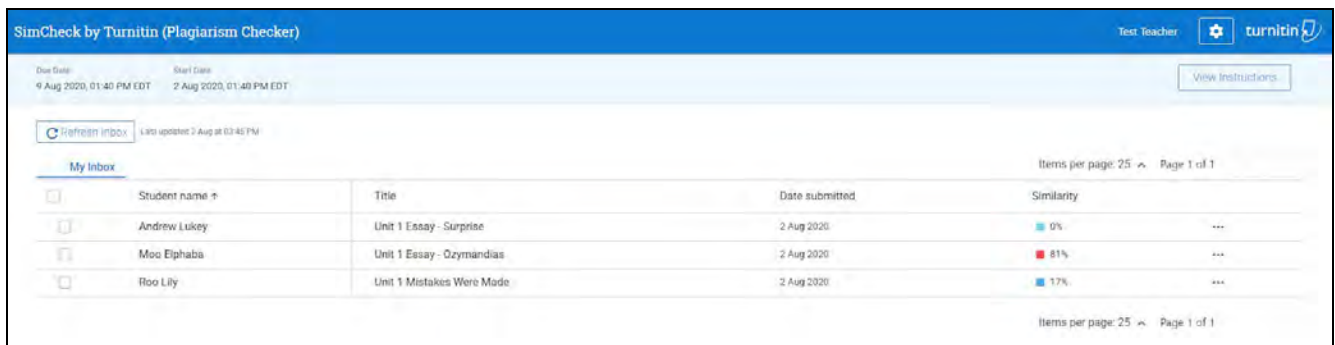
Step 3: The Assignment pane on the right will open. Under “Actions”, click “Preview.”



Step 4: Click “Open in new window.”



Step 5: You will now be launched to your SimCheck Inbox. The appearance of your Inbox will vary depending on what student activity has occurred. This example shows that 3 students have submitted papers.



Step 6: Highlight anywhere on the row of the paper you would like to review and click.

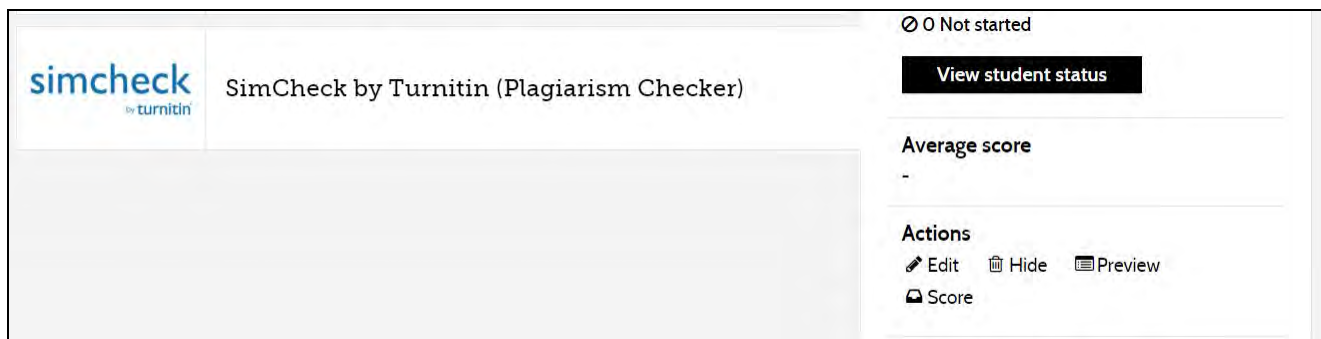
My Inbox		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student name ↑	Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Lukey	Unit 1 Essay - Ozymandias
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moo Elphaba	Unit 1 Essay - Ozymandias
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roo Lily	Unit 1 Mistakes Were Made

Step 7: The student's paper will appear. You will see color-coded and numbered paragraphs in the student's paper. On the right side, the Similarity score highlights the passages that have been copied from sources on the Internet, the possible source sites.

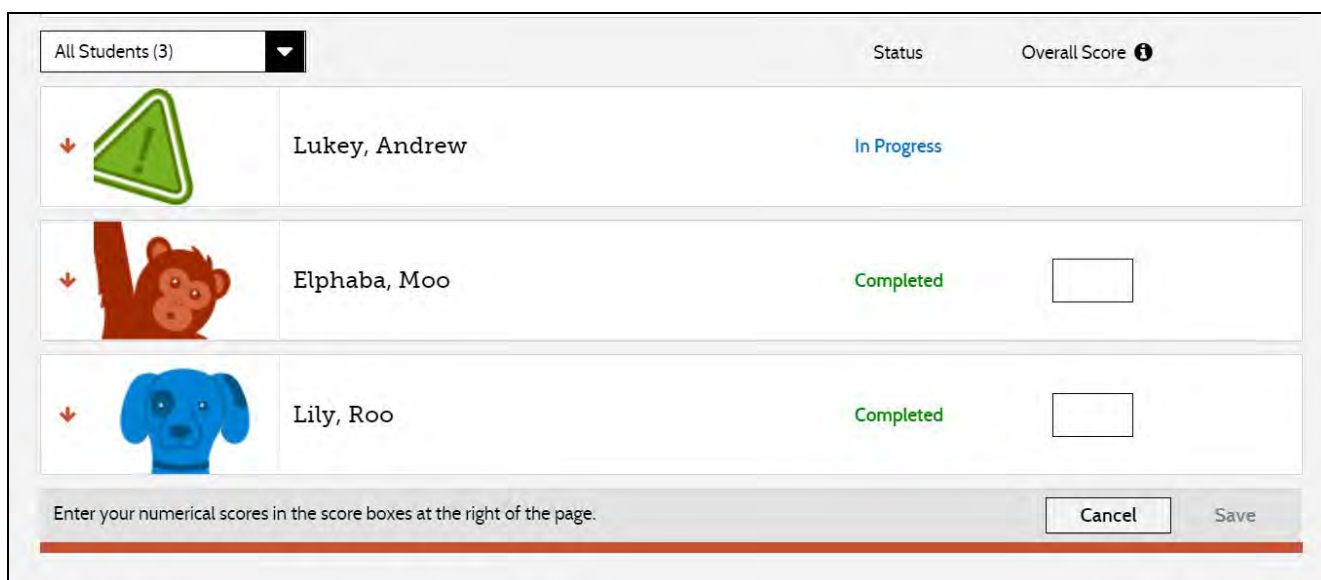
NOTE: To learn more about SimCheck, click the question mark icon in the upper right corner of the “Sources Overview”. “View tour” offers helpful information on the similarity scores and web sites cited, and “Help” provides access to support articles on Turnitin.com.

Assign a Grade to SimCheck Assignments




SimCheck does not assign a grade to student work. Should you want to assign a score or grade to the assignment, you can do so in Realize by selecting “Score” under “Actions” in the Assignment and entering a Score for each completed assignment.



The interface shows the SimCheck by Turnitin logo and the assignment name "SimCheck by Turnitin (Plagiarism Checker)". On the right, it indicates "0 Not started" and provides a "View student status" button. Below this, the "Average score" is shown as a dash (-). The "Actions" menu includes "Edit", "Hide", "Preview", and "Score".



The student list is filtered to "All Students (3)". The columns are "Status" and "Overall Score".

	Status	Overall Score
 Lukey, Andrew	In Progress	
 Elphaba, Moo	Completed	<input type="text"/>
 Lily, Roo	Completed	<input type="text"/>

Enter your numerical scores in the score boxes at the right of the page. Cancel Save