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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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# About SafeAssign in *myPerspectives* Grades 6-12

- Provided by BlackBoard, used in Higher ED across the world
- Plagiarism Checker tool
- Compares submitted files against academic papers
- Integrated into Savvas Realize, Teacher-Facing only

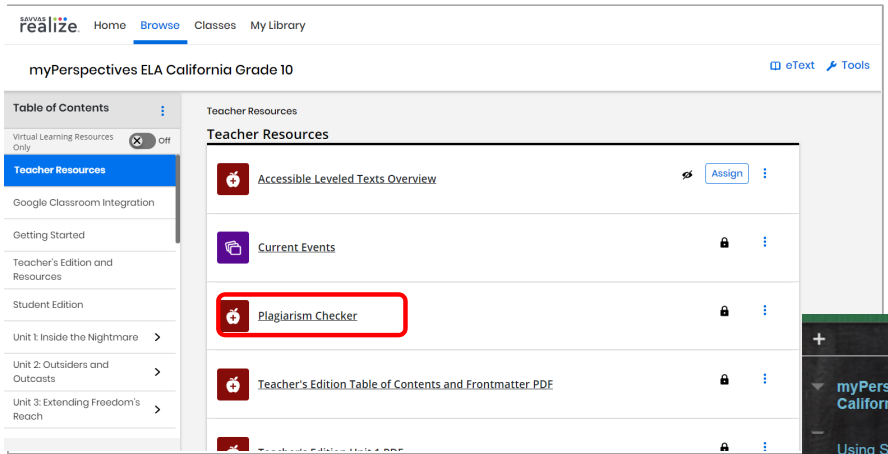
# How does SafeAssign work?

- SafeAssign compares submitted assignments against a set of academic papers to identify areas of overlap between the submitted assignment and existing works.

- SafeAssign is effective as both a deterrent and an educational tool. Use to review assignment submissions for plagiarism potential and create opportunities to help students identify how to properly attribute sources rather than paraphrase.

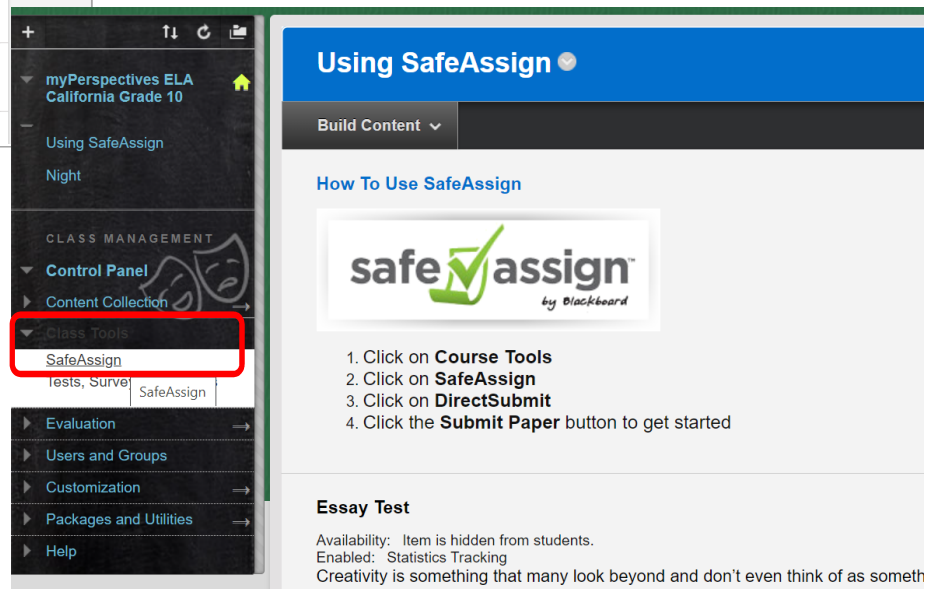
- SafeAssign is based on a unique text matching algorithm capable of detecting exact and inexact matching between a paper and source material. Submissions are compared against several databases:
  - **Internet**: Comprehensive index of documents available for public access on the internet.
  - **ProQuest ABI/Inform database:** More than 1,100 publication titles and about 2.6 million articles from 1990 to present time, updated weekly (exclusive access).
  - **Institutional document archives:** Contains all papers submitted to SafeAssign by users in their respective institutions.
  - **Global Reference Database:** Contains papers that were volunteered by students from Blackboard client institutions to help prevent cross-institution plagiarism.

# SafeAssign in Realize




From Realize, click in your Grade Level, then into Teacher Resources, and select Plagiarism Checker to access SafeAssign.

Follow the directions on the page. On the left navigation menu, select "Class Tools" and "SafeAssign."



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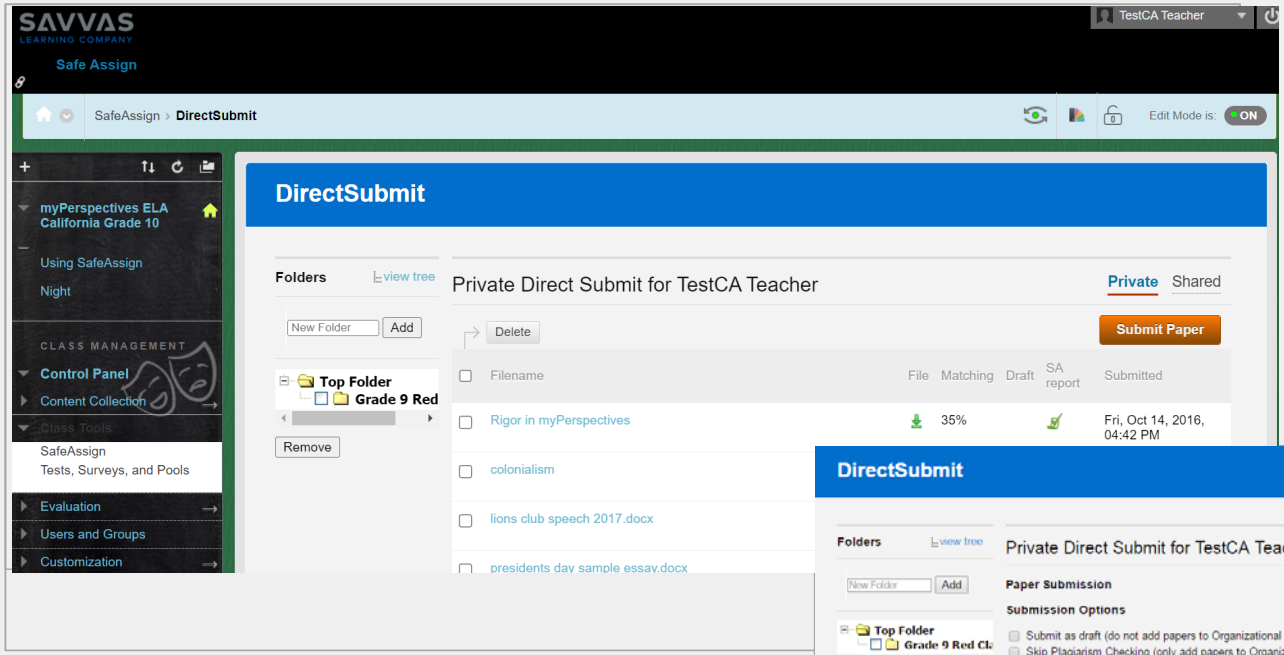


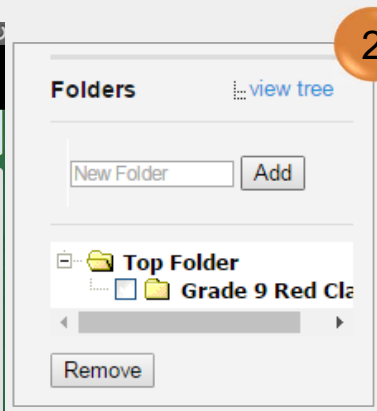


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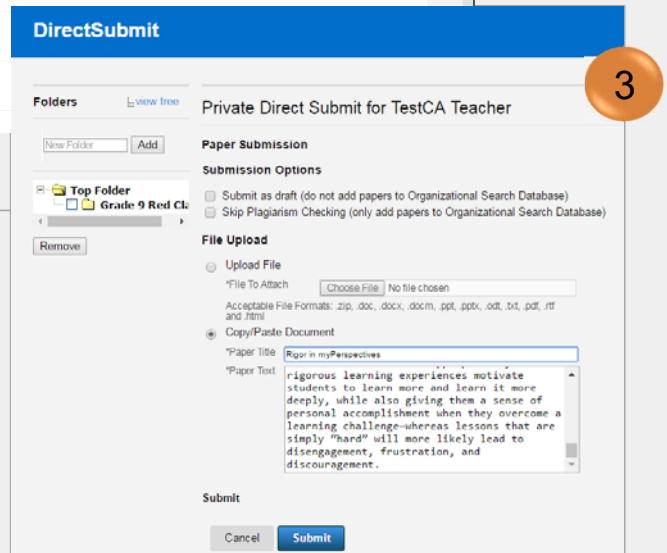


3 Click “Submit Paper” and follow directions to upload a bulk zip file or individual file. You can also copy and paste here too.

- You can submit one paper or several in a zip format.
- Students cannot submit papers; only teachers have that option.
- Size limit for files – 10MB

1 Click "Direct Submit." You will also see other papers that have been previous submitted.

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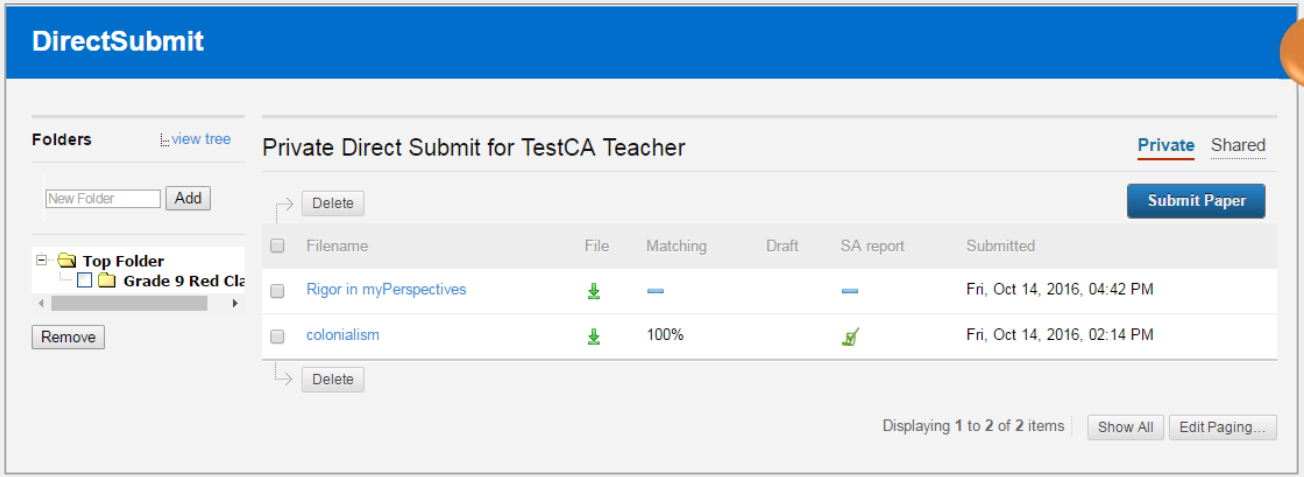


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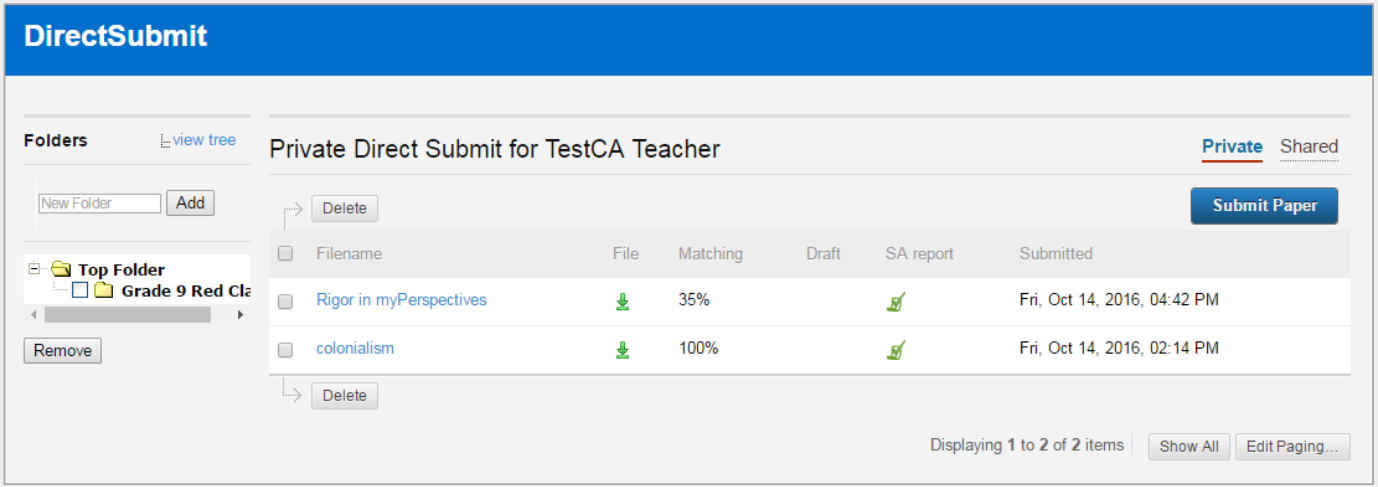
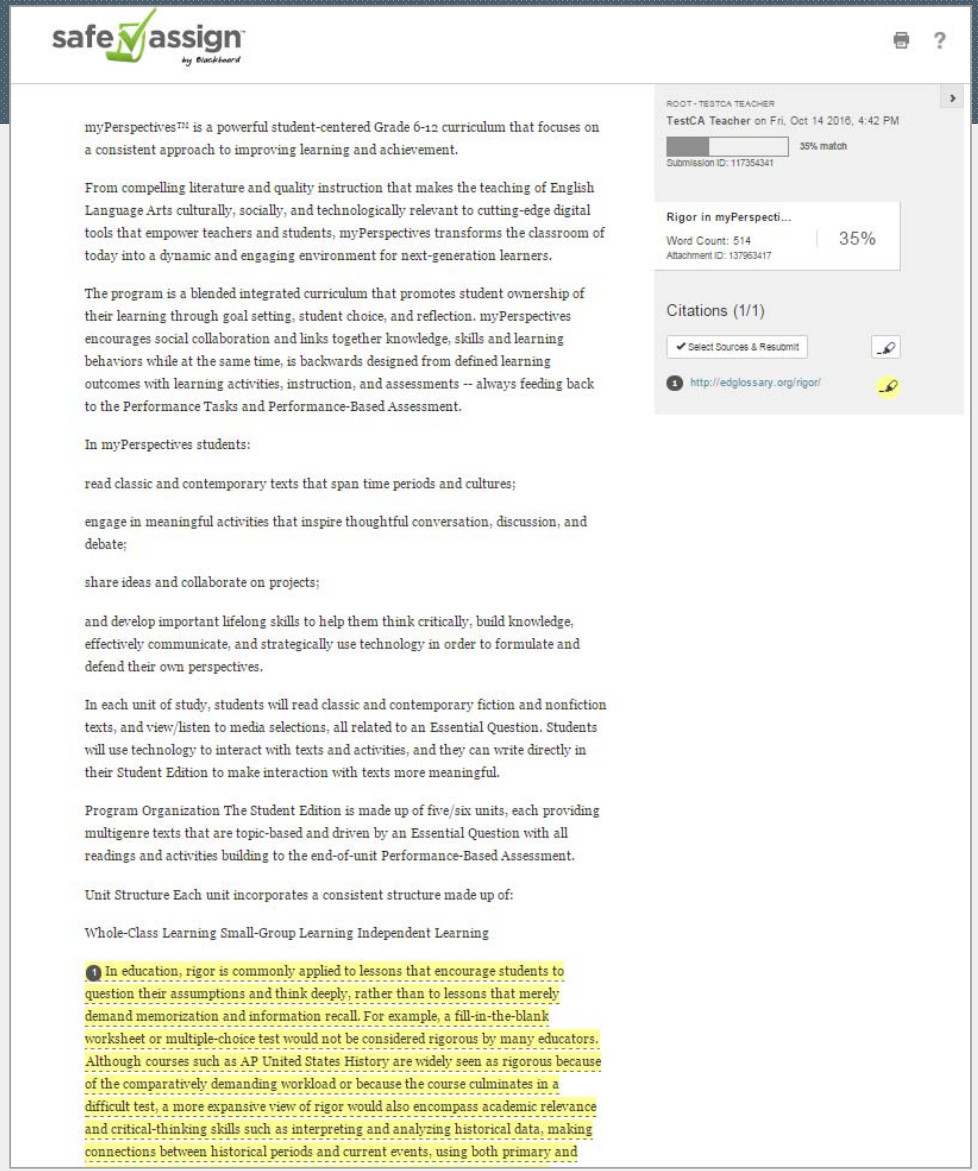


Now complete. Click on the “SA Report” icon to open up the report.

# SafeAssign Report

- Scores below 15% - might include common phrases but are not indicative of plagiarism
- Scores between 15%  and 40% - either have used extensive quoted material or they may include plagiarism. Review to see if these papers are properly referenced.
- Scores over 40% - high probability that these papers were copied from other sources. These papers include quoted or paraphrased text in excess and should be check for plagiarism.




35% Originality Score

(Means that 35% of the paper was deemed “similar” to something already in the database or on the internet. )