

A STUDY ON PLAGIARISM AMONG THE STUDENTS INCOMPLETING THEIR ACADEMIC ASSIGNMENT

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ABSTRAC

Plagiarism is a kind of academic dishonesty which is categorized as a crime. Committing plagiarism for the students can result failing grade, expulsion, or the revocation of an academic degree. Still some students consider plagiarism as an ordinary case that has no effect toward their live. In addition, plagiarism becomes favorite choice for lazy students to get a good mark or just complete their requirement to pass certain course without a significant work.

This research aimed at studying plagiarism practice among the students in completing their academic assignment. This research tried to find out whether the students did plagiarism, the source they plagiarized, and how they plagiarized it. This research used descriptive research design. The writer took 25 students of English Department academic year 2007-2008 who joined “Introduction to Literature” class as research population. To collect the data and necessary information, the writer did documentation of final test assignment word of “Introduction to Literature” class which was tested on January 2009 and interviewed the students.

After analyzing the data, the result of this research showed that only two students committed plagiarism. The factor they did plagiarism was poor time management that lead them to inability to meet the due date set up by the lecturer. The students plagiarized their friends’ work by copying necessary part to be presented in their work by paraphrased it. The type of plagiarism they did was “patchwork plagiarism” since they did some reads and selections before copying. Moreover, for failing to give credit to their friends, they considered doing “incremental plagiarism”, a kind of plagiarism caused by using the others’ word or idea without crediting the original source.