

The "Copy And Paste" Generation

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ABSTRACT

One of the problems that teachers around the world face, is that students think that copying and pasting isn't too bad, it's a synonym for researching and thanks to the internet, this has become the digital version of plagiarism, people are getting used to reproduce information rather than to produce knowledge; just as technology has eased and refined plagiarism techniques, it has also developed simple tools to discover it; from google to Urkund, Turnitin or Safe Assign. The good news is that teachers can effectively help students become better on line researchers, by guiding them to look into the appropriate sites, to select relevant content, to paraphrase information and remind them that values and virtues should always be kept in mind.

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Introduction

The "match text" is at its best, thanks to the Internet and technological facilities, for many research simply means copying and pasting. The culture of "copy and paste", is the new version of plagiarism in the digital age and barbarism "copy and paste" is widely used by political students, and professionals in all areas.

The phenomenon is not new, but it certainly is becoming much more popular thanks to the technological facilities; in the past to copy some information, it is necessary to consult various books and other sources in addition to taking the "hassle" of transcribing texts.

In today's world, information on any topic, is available with just a clicks, it's a matter of selecting the desired copy fragments, paste them into a new page and put your name at the end and in less than an hour the task is completed without the use of a single neuron, wasting the wonderful opportunities offered by the Internet.

This practice is facilitated by specialized websites in all languages, where countless essays, theses, papers and projects "ready to use" appear. Among the most consulted in Spanish are: "Monographs.com" and "The Corner of the lazy", the latter is so popular that it receives about 21 million visitors a month.

In educational institutions, cases of plagiarism happen all the time, the main reasons are:

The first and most obvious is laziness, most students prefer the easy way, and even though they know that this hurts them, they prefer to pass the course or semester anyway.

Another reason is the amount of tasks from other subjects, it is necessary that teachers of the same parallel hold regular meetings where they know the amount of autonomous work every colleague sent.

Simple strategies to control the "copy & paste"

- Use specialized programs such as Turnitin, SafeAssign or Urkund, from which verbal patterns are tracked and compared with various databases, generating a report that shows the similarities with other texts.
- Teaching students to correctly cite the sources and display the copyright or copyrights, most of the time students do not include sources, there do not know how to do it.
- Suggest consultation of reliable sources for example sites of recognized digital journals, apply at least 5 in each work. Also suggest the use of webquest and miniquet, which help students to construct their own knowledge through research.
- Request evidence of the research process: abstracts, graphics, pictures, videos, interviews, research tools and ask questions During the exhibition confirming the authorship of the work.
- Encourage students to develop and issue their own ideas, opinions, thoughts, views, opinions and experiences. The specific focus of the work will help a lot, for example "" Explain in your own words "or" What is your opinion about ?, "Compare "
- Reinforce values such as honesty, loyalty, responsibility and respect for others' property including intellectual in our case,

Finally remember that the main purpose of all work is learning and we must place greater emphasis on the process rather than results.