

Marian and Gilda were both students in a 200-level Sociology course. Course requirements included regularly assigned problem sets. Professor Bob encouraged students in his course to work together on problem sets, but expected each student to do all computer work and write-ups independently.

Marian and Gilda regularly worked together on their problem sets. For one particular problem set, Professor Bob was grading and noticed that Marian's printed-out computer work was a photocopied version of Gilda's. Furthermore, Marian's write-up contained peculiar errors, very similar to those on Gilda's write-up.

When confronted, Marian explained that she and Gilda regularly worked on problem sets together, as they had with this one. When the day rolled around for the problem set to be turned-in, Marian realized she had lost hers. Gilda gave Marian her full, finished assignment to photocopy the just the data sheet, so at least Marian could redo her write- up. However, while redoing her write-up, Marian chose to used Gilda's write-up as a guide, and ended up using more of Gilda's original work than she had intended.

Marian was going through a particularly stressful period of her life, and expressed that she had not intended to rely so heavily on Gilda's write-up. The Honor Board agreed that Marian understood the severity of her mistake, and that it was not likely to be repeated. The Board decided to fail Marian on the problem set in question.