

Katie was taking French 005, and was asked to write a paper interpreting either a movie viewed in class or a book the class read together. Katie chose to analyze the book. Katie wrote a first draft and brought it to her Professor, who found that Katie was having problems interpreting the text and formulating her own ideas without summarizing. After discussing the text with her Professor, Katie was sent off to give the essay another try.

While writing her second draft, Katie felt she still did not quite understand the text. Katie then sought the help of Sarah, a very strong French student in her class. Katie asked Sarah if she could look at her final essay, just to help give her an idea of the storyline. Katie finished her paper and they both turned in their respective final drafts.

Upon grading Katie's final draft, her Professor found that portions of Katie's analysis and even direct quotes from Sarah's essay were taken without attribution of any kind. Seeing this as plagiarism, the Professor turned Katie into the Honor Board.

The Honor Board agreed that Katie did indeed copy portions of Sarah's essay. The Board decided that Katie must confess to Sarah that she used her work, and then write another paper on the movie (instead of the book). This new, second paper would receive no credit, but would require her to work closely with her Professor. Katie's effort on her second paper (the one on the movie) will not affect her final grade; however, the Board decided that 15% of Katie's final grade will be a 0.0.