

Info Lit Tip – Check Your Work for Plagiarism Before Your Instructor Does!

Cambridge College will not tolerate plagiarism, whether intended or not.

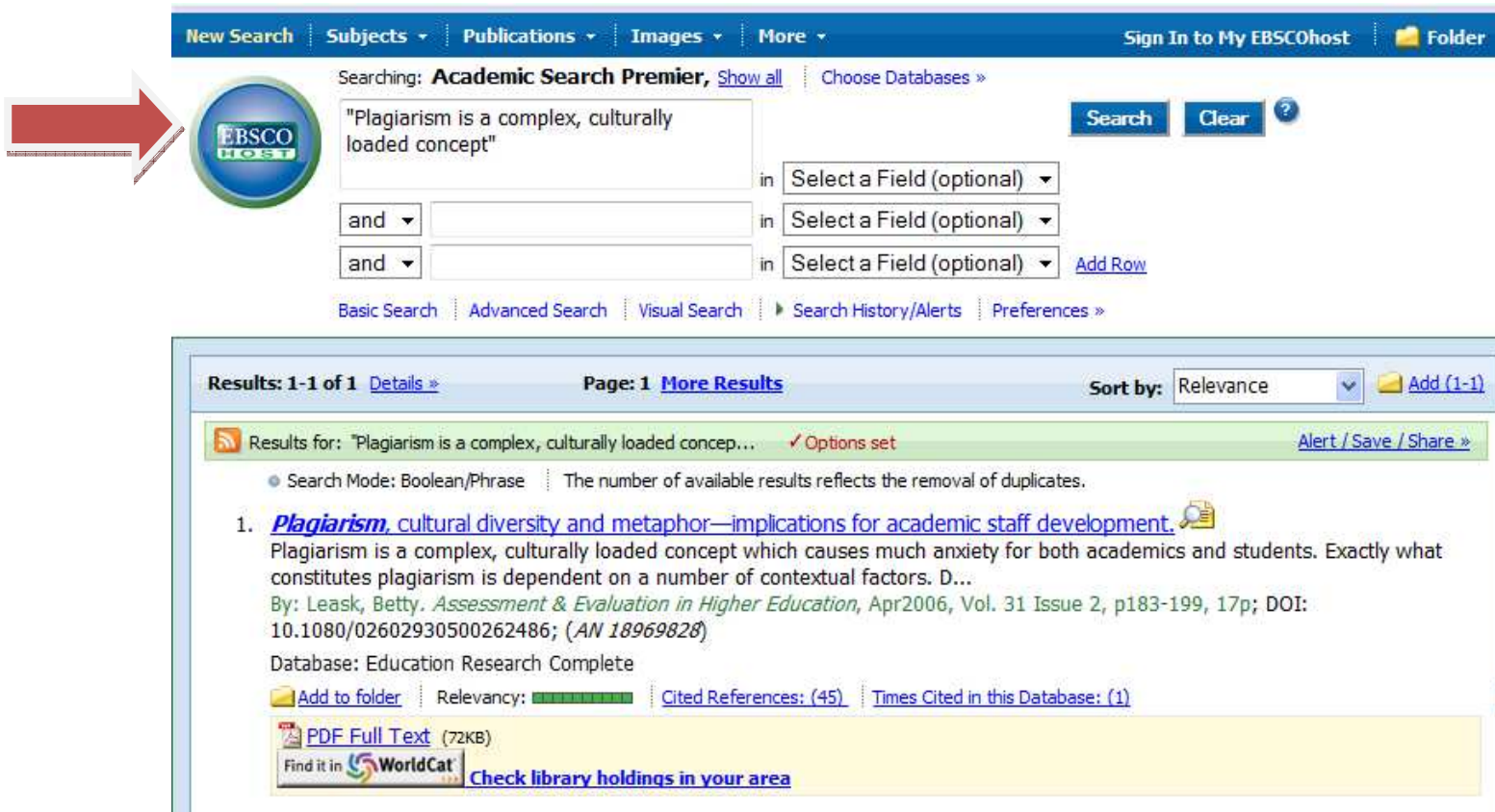
Even the most conscientious students may sometimes inadvertently put phrases or sentences into their papers without proper documentation.

Your instructors will be using this method to check your work, so do it yourself before you turn the paper in and perhaps prevent an embarrassing situation.

Using *EBSCOHost Find It Fast* (in the CCOL) to detect plagiarism

Now that EBSCOhost Find IT Fast searches all our databases, this is the best free method.

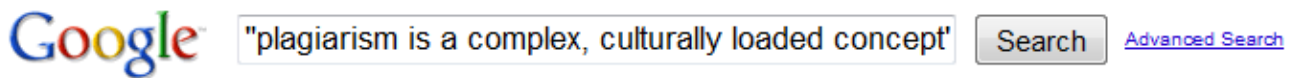
- Put the suspect phrase into the *EBSCOHost Find It Fast* search box **in quotation marks** and click Search. There is a limit to how many words can go in the search box.
- See in the example below that the phrase was found in an article in our *Education Research Complete* database



The screenshot displays the EBSCOhost search interface. A red arrow points to the EBSCOhost logo. The search box contains the text "Plagiarism is a complex, culturally loaded concept". The search results page shows one result from the Education Research Complete database, titled "Plagiarism, cultural diversity and metaphor—implications for academic staff development". The result includes the author Betty Leask, the journal title *Assessment & Evaluation in Higher Education*, and the DOI 10.1080/02602930500262486. The interface also shows options for adding to a folder, checking library holdings, and viewing the full text PDF.

Using Google to detect plagiarism

- Put the suspect phrase into the Google search box in **quotation marks** and click Search
- See in the result below that the phrase was found in the abstract to an article. Results might also turn up in papers being sold on the internet



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Abstract: **Plagiarism is a complex, culturally loaded concept** which causes much anxiety for both academics and students. Exactly what constitutes plagiarism ...

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