

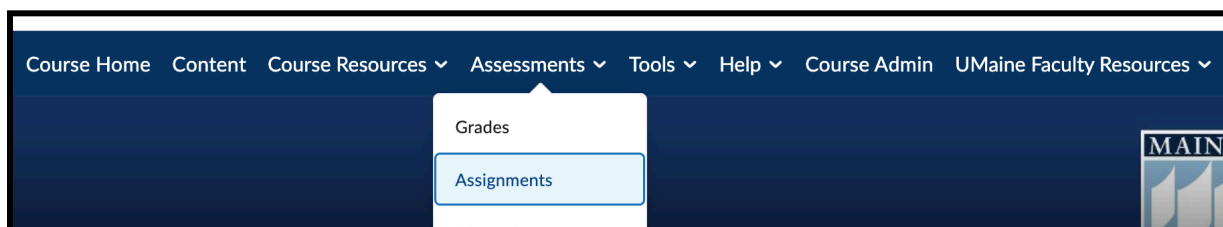
Interpret a Turnitin Similarity Report

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Turnitin is a tool that can be used to assess similarities between students' written submissions and other documents. TurnItIn generates a report that compares the content of student submissions to websites, journal articles, and other written assignments collected at the University of Maine, along with other schools. All images in this tutorial are screenshots of the preceding step(s).

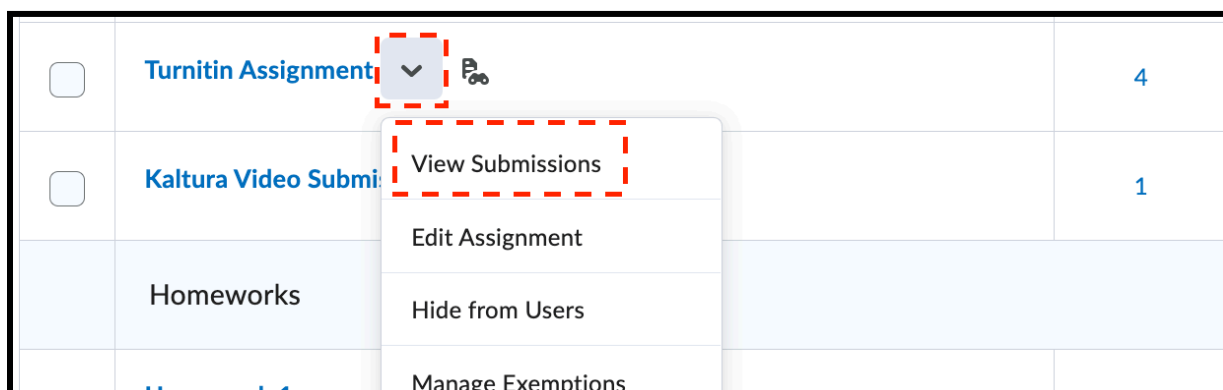
Step 1 - Access Brightspace Assignments

Go to “**Assessments**” in your navbar and click “**Assignments**” from the dropdown menu.





Step 2 - View Submissions for Assignment using TurnItIn

Find the Assignment you wish to view the TurnItIn report for. Select the downward facing arrow, then select “**View Submissions**”.

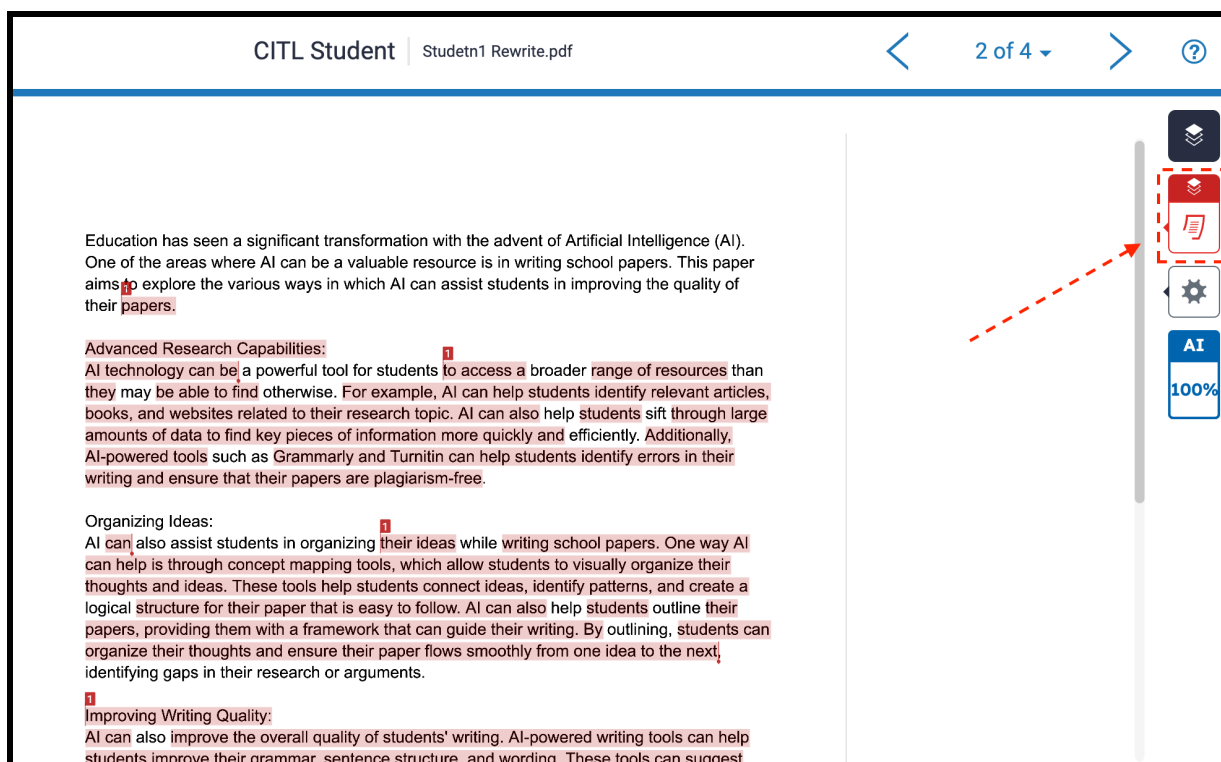


Step 3 - Select the Report You Wish to Review

Select the TurnItIn meter next to the student submission you wish to view.

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Step 4 - Select the Similarity Tools Icon



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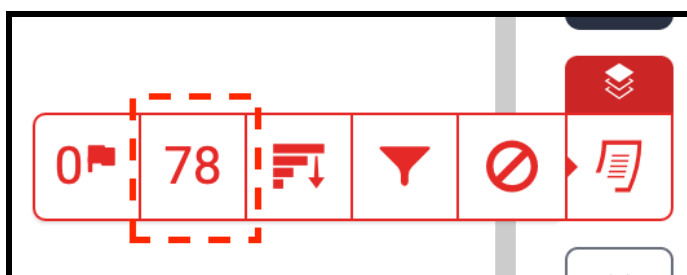
Advanced Research Capabilities:
AI technology can be a powerful tool for students to access a broader range of resources than they may be able to find otherwise. For example, AI can help students identify relevant articles, books, and websites related to their research topic. AI can also help students sift through large amounts of data to find key pieces of information more quickly and efficiently. Additionally, AI-powered tools such as Grammarly and Turnitin can help students identify errors in their writing and ensure that their papers are plagiarism-free.

Organizing Ideas:
AI can also assist students in organizing their ideas while writing school papers. One way AI can help is through concept mapping tools, which allow students to visually organize their thoughts and ideas. These tools help students connect ideas, identify patterns, and create a logical structure for their paper that is easy to follow. AI can also help students outline their papers, providing them with a framework that can guide their writing. By outlining, students can organize their thoughts and ensure their paper flows smoothly from one idea to the next, identifying gaps in their research or arguments.

Improving Writing Quality:
AI can also improve the overall quality of students' writing. AI-powered writing tools can help students improve their grammar, sentence structure, and wording. These tools can suggest

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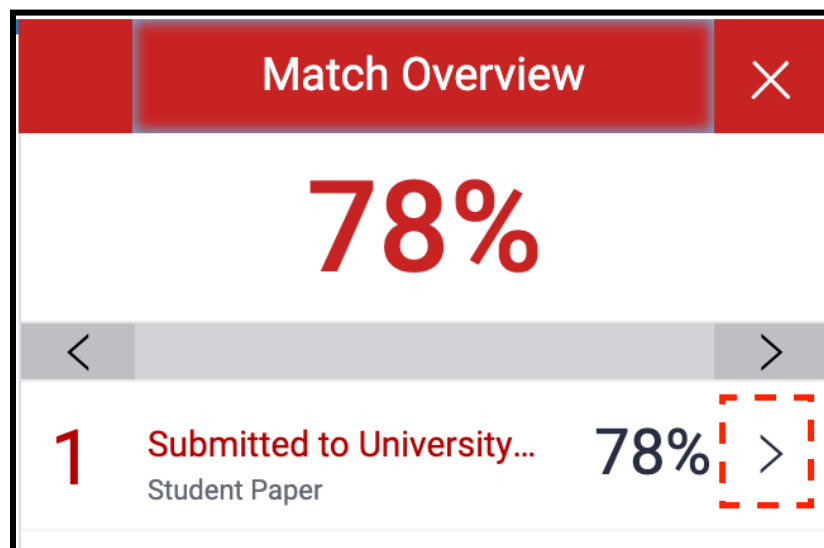
Step 5 - Select the Match Overview



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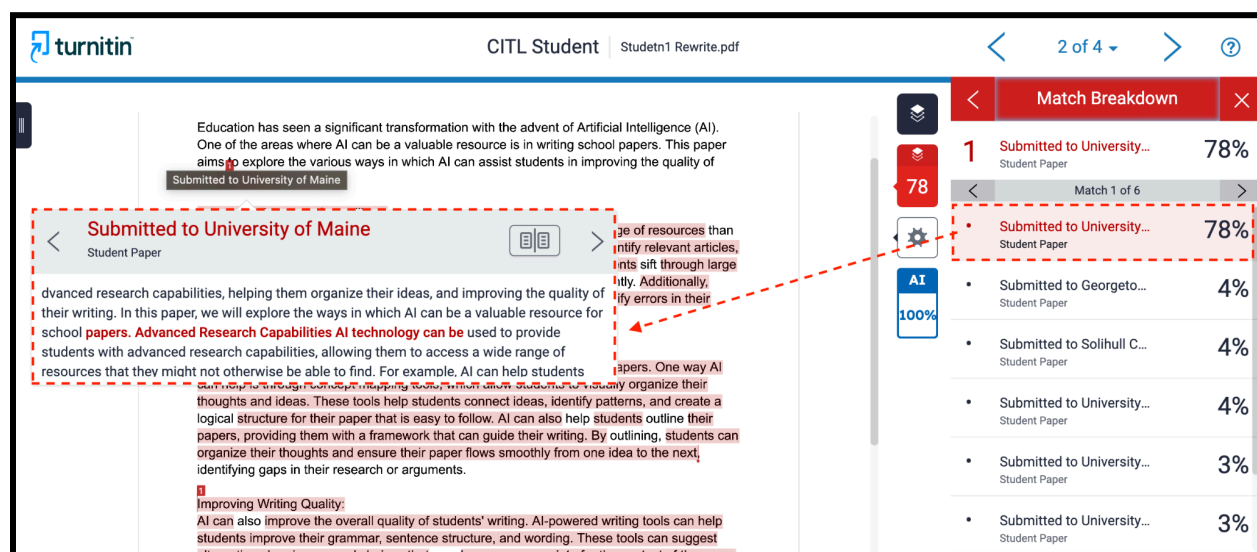
Step 6 - Select View Match Breakdown

Select the “Match Breakdown” arrow within the Match Overview to see a more detailed breakdown of the report.



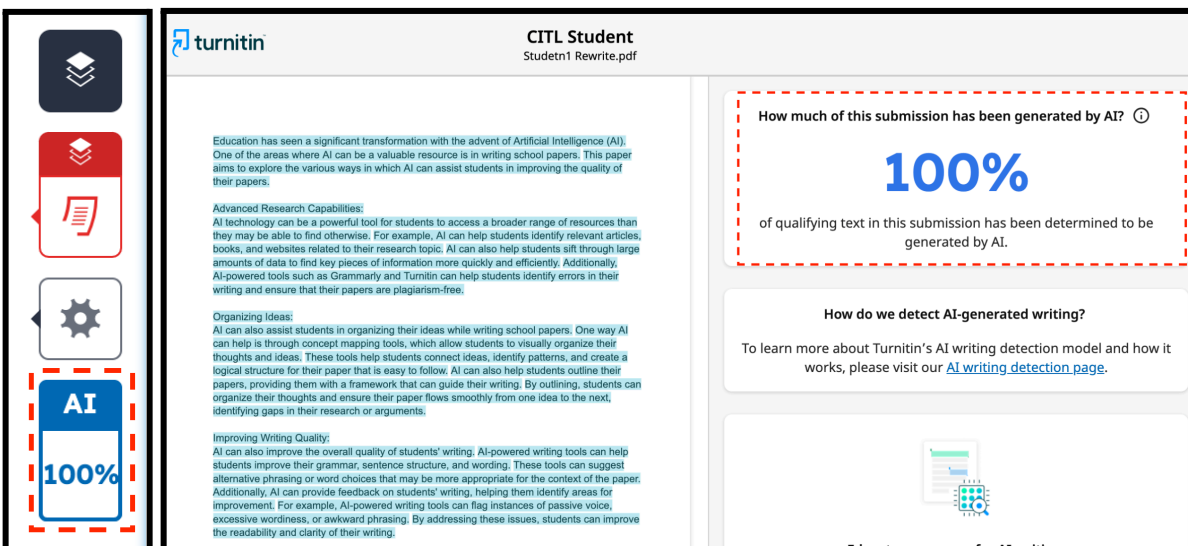
Step 7 - Select a Source to Review Similarities

Select the name of one of the sources listed in the Match Breakdown. After selecting the source, a window will appear that illustrates the similarities.



Note - View AI Report Generated by Turnitin

The steps below will help you access the AI Report for each student submission. This report estimates the percentage of the assignment that was generated by AI technology. Please use this tool with caution, as the efficacy has yet to be tested thoroughly.



The screenshot shows a Turnitin interface for a student submission titled "CITL Student Studetn1 Rewrite.pdf". On the left, a sidebar contains icons for a document, a list, a gear, and a highlighted "AI 100%" icon. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains three sections of text: "Education has seen a significant transformation with the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI). One of the areas where AI can be a valuable resource is in writing school papers. This paper aims to explore the various ways in which AI can assist students in improving the quality of their papers.", "Advanced Research Capabilities: AI technology can be a powerful tool for students to access a broader range of resources than they may be able to find otherwise. For example, AI can help students identify relevant articles, books, and websites related to their research topic. AI can also help students sift through large amounts of data to find key pieces of information more quickly and efficiently. Additionally, AI-powered tools such as Grammarly and Turnitin can help students identify errors in their writing and ensure that their papers are plagiarism-free.", and "Organizing Ideas: AI can also assist students in organizing their ideas while writing school papers. One way AI can help is through concept mapping tools, which allow students to visually organize their thoughts and ideas. These tools help students connect ideas, identify patterns, and create a logical structure for their paper that is easy to follow. AI can also help students outline their papers, providing them with a framework that can guide their writing. By outlining, students can organize their thoughts and ensure their paper flows smoothly from one idea to the next, identifying gaps in their research or arguments." The right column features a large red dashed box containing the text "How much of this submission has been generated by AI? 100% of qualifying text in this submission has been determined to be generated by AI." Below this, a section titled "How do we detect AI-generated writing?" includes a link to "AI writing detection page" and a small graphic of a document with a gear icon.

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