



Viewing Turnitin Similarity Reports & Leaving Feedback

Turnitin is an external tool integrated into D2L to allow instructors to check the originality, add comments, and evaluate students' written work. If you need to set up your Assignment folder and select your preferred Turnitin settings, check out our [Enable Turnitin](#) guide.

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Tutorial Videos

Turnitin

- [Best Practices for Providing Effective Feedback](#)
- [How to Use Commenting Tools](#)
- [How to Use Voice Comments](#)
- [The Similarity Report \(3-part video playlist\)](#)
- [How to View Similarity Reports \(Instructor Version\)](#)

D2L

- [Turnitin Integration® - Assess an Assignment - Instructor](#)

If your students aren't familiar with viewing feedback in Turnitin, share our video guide: [Viewing Feedback in Turnitin Feedback Studio](#).

Resources from Turnitin

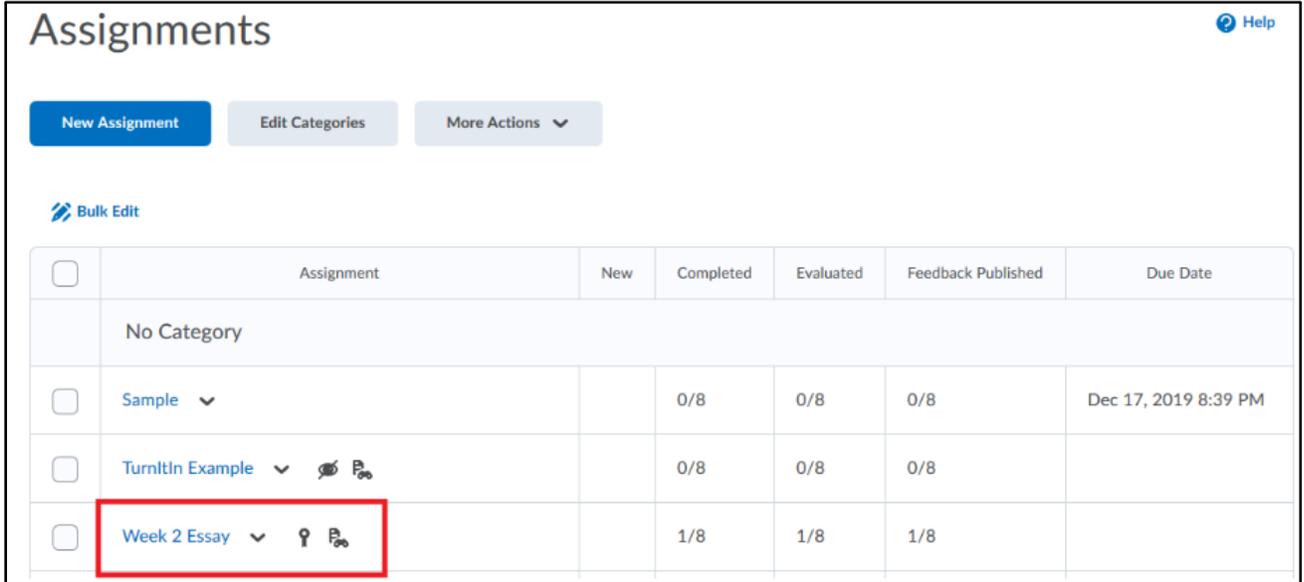
- [Turnitin for D2L Instructor Guides](#)
- [Interpreting the Similarity Report](#)
- [Plagiarism Spectrum 2.0](#)
- [Creating New QuickMark Sets](#)

New Assignment Experience

If you are using the New Assignment Experience, Turnitin may not work properly. **We recommend using the old version of Assignments** until D2L and Turnitin are working properly together. We will update the guide once this process is working.

Accessing Similarity Reports

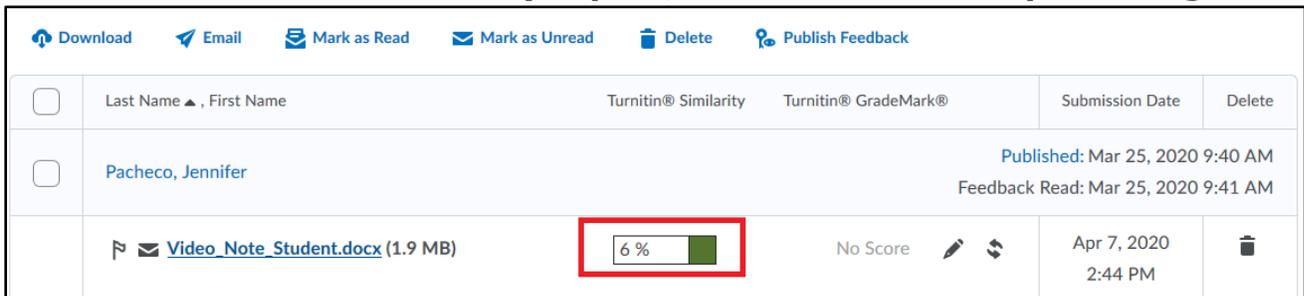
- From within the D2L **Assignments** tool, click on the **name** of the specific **Assignment** you'd like to review.



The screenshot shows the 'Assignments' page in D2L. At the top, there are buttons for 'New Assignment', 'Edit Categories', and 'More Actions'. Below these is a 'Bulk Edit' link. The main area is a table with columns: Assignment, New, Completed, Evaluated, Feedback Published, and Due Date. The table contains three rows: 'Sample', 'TurnItIn Example', and 'Week 2 Essay'. The 'Week 2 Essay' row is highlighted with a red box, and its 'Completed' column shows '1/8'.

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	No Category					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sample		0/8	0/8	0/8	Dec 17, 2019 8:39 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	TurnItIn Example		0/8	0/8	0/8	
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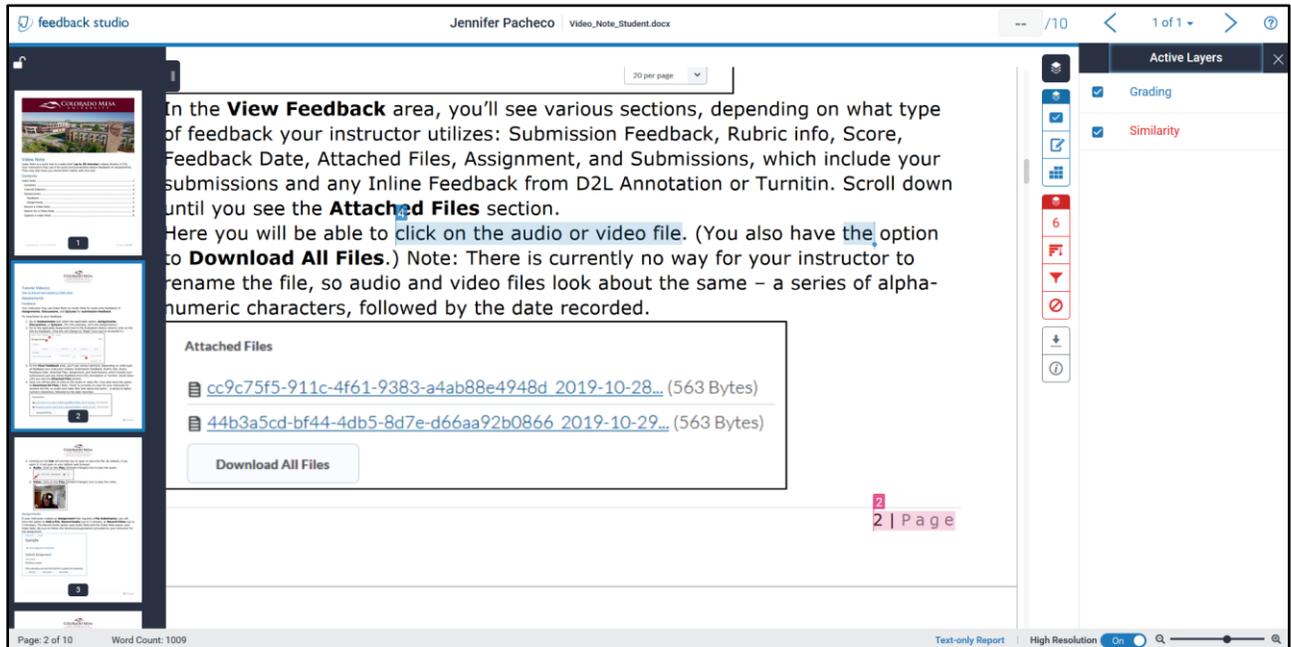
- The folder submissions page displays **student submissions, Turnitin Similarity** percentage, **Turnitin Grademark**, and **Submission Date**. To view a submitted document within the **D2L viewer**, click on the name of the submitted document. To **view the Turnitin Similarity report**, click on the **colored percentage icon**.



The screenshot shows the 'Submissions' page for a student named Jennifer Pacheco. At the top, there are action buttons: 'Download', 'Email', 'Mark as Read', 'Mark as Unread', 'Delete', and 'Publish Feedback'. The table below has columns for 'Last Name, First Name', 'Turnitin® Similarity', 'Turnitin® GradeMark®', 'Submission Date', and 'Delete'. The row for Jennifer Pacheco shows a submission of 'Video_Note_Student.docx (1.9 MB)' with a similarity percentage of '6%' highlighted in a red box. The submission date is 'Apr 7, 2020 2:44 PM'.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name ▲, First Name	Turnitin® Similarity	Turnitin® GradeMark®	Submission Date	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacheco, Jennifer			Published: Mar 25, 2020 9:40 AM Feedback Read: Mar 25, 2020 9:41 AM	
	Video_Note_Student.docx (1.9 MB)	6 %	No Score	Apr 7, 2020 2:44 PM	

3. The **Turnitin Feedback Studio** interface will open in a new window/tab. Using this interface, you can see details of the similarity report, create comments, and evaluate the submission.

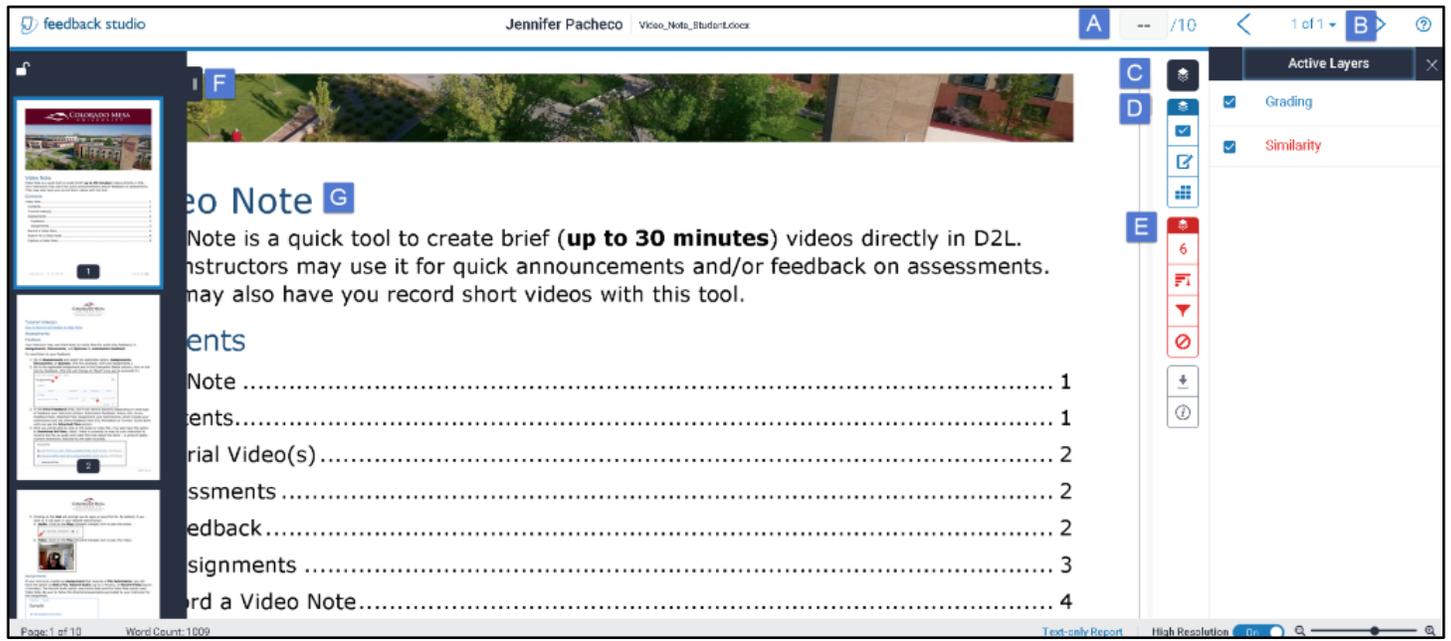


The screenshot displays the Turnitin Feedback Studio interface for a document titled "Jennifer Pacheco Video_Note_Student.docx". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Panel:** A vertical sidebar with three numbered tabs (1, 2, 3) showing different views of the document.
- Main Content Area:** Displays the document text with blue annotations. A section titled "Attached Files" is highlighted with a red box, containing two files:
 - cc9c75f5-911c-4f61-9383-a4ab88e4948d 2019-10-28... (563 Bytes)
 - 44b3a5cd-bf44-4db5-8d7e-d66aa92b0866 2019-10-29... (563 Bytes)A "Download All Files" button is located below the list.
- Right Panel:** An "Active Layers" panel with a close button (X). It contains two checked items: "Grading" and "Similarity".
- Bottom Status Bar:** Shows "Page: 2 of 10", "Word Count: 1009", "Text-only Report", and "High Resolution" options.

Navigating Feedback Studio

Feedback Studio has several features/**layers**:



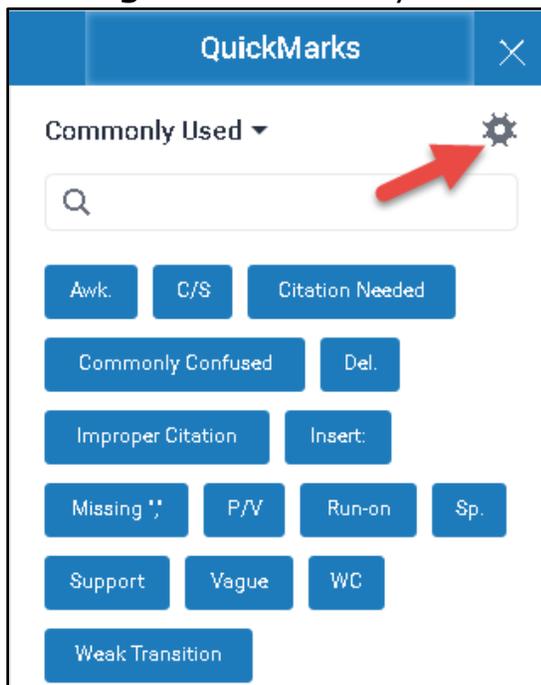
- a. **Grade:** Enter the numeric grade for the submission. This grade will transfer into the D2L Assignment evaluation box and Gradebook if the Assignment is associated to a grade item in Gradebook.
- b. **Navigation Arrows:** Use these arrows to move between student submissions. Submissions are ordered by date they were submitted. Use the dropdown option to the right of the paper count to select specific student submissions to view.
- c. **Layers:** Layers allow you to view more than one service at the same time. With layers, you can view the similarity report and add comments at the same time. Layers can be toggled on and off using either the toolbar or the Active Layers side panel.
- d. **Online Grading:** Use QuickMarks and comments to give feedback to students and create a rubric to be used to evaluate the submission.
- e. **Similarity Report:** View the similarity matches, similar sources, and statistics. Refer to the Similarity Report section for more details.
- f. **Thumbnail Bar:** This side bar gives you quick overview of the paper you are currently grading. To access or hide the thumbnail bar, click the black tab in the upper left-hand corner of the screen.
- g. **Submitted Document:** In the main part of the screen, you can view the submitted document.

Grading and Commenting Tools

Feedback Studio offers a variety of customizable grading and commenting tools to assist with feedback.



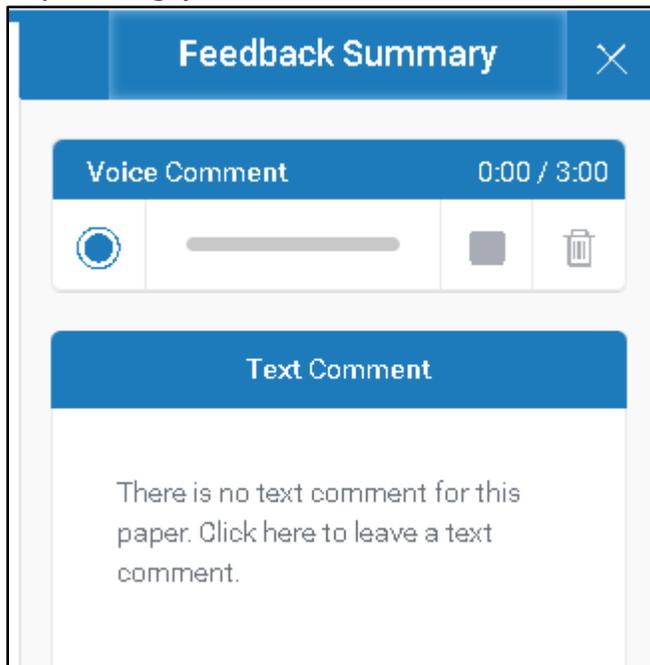
- a. **QuickMarks:** Create a library of feedback that might be applicable on multiple occasions, to multiple students, across multiple classes and assignments. Clicking on the **QuickMarks icon** gets you to **Commonly Used** marks. Clicking on the **gear icon** takes you to the **Manage QuickMarks** options.



Here, you are able to **Create a New [Quick]Marks** set of your own and save it.



- b. **Feedback Summary:** Provide overall feedback on the submission by leaving a voice or text comment for the student to review. **Voice Comments** are limited to **3 minutes**. (Note: As there is currently no option to transcribe voice comments, leave a text comment for any student who would usually need transcripts or captioning.)



- c. **Rubric:** Feedback Studio offers rubrics within the grading service. Rubrics can be created with in Turnitin's Feedback Studio to help evaluate student work based on defined criteria and scales. Note: This rubric tool is **not** associated to the rubric tool in D2L.

In-Context Commenting Tool

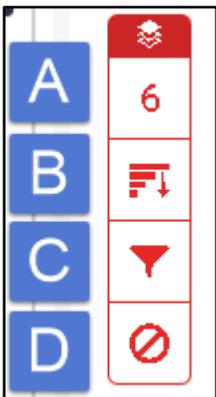
The in-context commenting tool allows you to choose from all the different commenting types Turnitin offers. **Click anywhere** on the student's submitted document to reveal the in-context commenting tool. Then, select the relevant icon to leave a comment directly on the page.



-  **QuickMarks:** This is another quick way to add feedback from your QuickMarks library.
-  **Bubble Comments:** These comments can be created in two ways. You can leave a bubble comment by clicking directly on the page where you would like the comment to appear or by selecting a portion of text.
 - Alternatively, select a section of text, then select the speech bubble icon. This will connect the bubble comment to the selected text.
 - With bubble comments, you can add text, hyperlinks, and apply simple formatting to your comments.
-  **Inline Comments:** Leave a text comment directly on top of your student's work. To insert an inline comment, click on the page where you would like the comment to be and select the T icon. As you type, the comment will automatically be saved.
 - You can **move** a comment by clicking and dragging it to where you would like to place it.
 - To **delete** an inline comment, with your mouse hover over the comment and then click on the trash can icon that will appear above the comment.
 - **Strikethrough Text:** After selecting a section of text, you will have the option to strike through the text. Choose the S icon to strike through.

Similarity Report Tools

When an Assignment has Turnitin enabled, a **Similarity Report** will be generated for that submission. The Similarity Report is the result of a comparison between a student's submitted document against billions of pages of active and archived internet information, a repository of works previously submitted to Turnitin, and a repository of tens of thousands of periodicals, journals, and publications. The similarity score is a percentage of a submitted document's content that matches to Turnitin's databases; it is **not** an assessment of whether the paper includes plagiarized material.



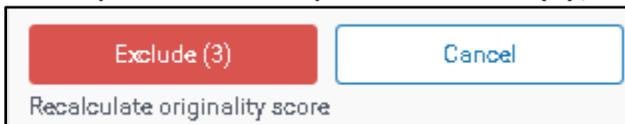
- a. **Match Overview:** Gives a breakdown of all the matches that have been found in the submitted document, ordered by highest similarity match to lowest. With this tool you can view the matched source to the student's submitted document. Matching texts are highlighted within the student's document and is matched to the source via color and number.

Match Overview			×
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1	Submitted to K12 Incor... Student Paper	2%	>
2	www.resortvillageofisl... Internet Source	2%	>
3	Submitted to University... Student Paper	1%	>
4	Submitted to NCC Educ... Student Paper	1%	>

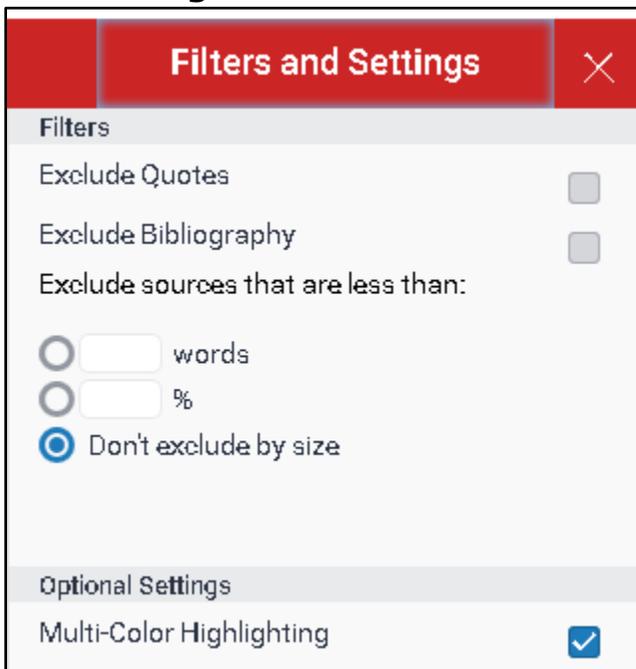
- b. **View Sources:** In the **All Sources** side panel, all the sources that have been found are sorted from highest percentage match. Each will also be highlighted in the submission text. Clicking on any source will reveal the number of times a particular source has been matched in the document. Clicking on the **Exclude Sources** button allows you to select which sources to exclude.



Once you've made your selection(s), click the **Exclude** button.



- c. **Filters and Settings:** You can choose to exclude quotes, bibliographies, and small matches from the similarity reports. These settings can be adjusted in the **Filters and Settings** button on the tool bar and side panel.



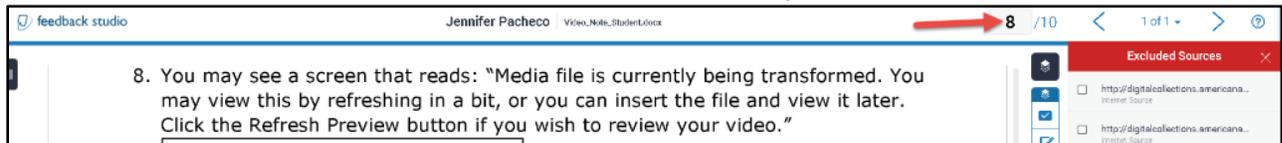
After adjusting the filters and settings, click the **Apply** button. Then, click the **New Report** button to generate a new report using the filters you selected.



- d. **View Excluded Sources:** when viewing the source matches under the **Match Overview**, you can choose to exclude specific sources from the similarity report. To view the sources you have excluded from the report, click on the red **exclude** icon from the similarity toolbar. You may **Restore** sources as needed.

Publish Grades Feedback to Students

1. Enter the earned score into the grading box at the top of the window. After a score has been entered into this box, it is automatically saved for this submission.



2. The score entered in Feedback Studio window will be transferred into D2L. You will need to publish this score for it to be seen by the student and be sent to the Gradebook within D2L. To view and publish the grade and feedback, first go to **Assignments**, and click on the **New** submissions link beside the applicable assignment.

Assignments Help

[New Assignment](#) [Edit Categories](#) [More Actions](#) ▾

[Bulk Edit](#)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Week 2 Essay ▾	1	1/8	1/8	1/8	

3. This takes you to the **Evaluate Submission** window. The score will appear in the Turnitin Grademark area. Click on the **Use This Score** link.

[Back to Assignments](#) | Week 2 Essay
Personal Sandbox - eprickett

Week 2 Essay - Submissions for Jennifer Pacheco

Select a document to view
 Video Note Student.docx (1.9 MB) ▾
 By: Jennifer Pacheco Submitted: Apr 7, 2020 2:44 PM

Turnitin® Similarity
 6%

Turnitin® GradeMark®
 8 / 10
Use This Score

[Download All Files](#) [Submission History](#)

4. After the score has been shared to this score box on the right side of the screen, click the **Update** button to publish the score and Turnitin feedback to the student. (You have the opportunity to add additional feedback directly in D2L, too.)
5. Going back to the **Submissions** page, you will now notice that the student's submission now lists **Published**, with the date and time it was published. You can click on the Published link, you can view the score and feedback you have submitted.

Download Email Mark as Read Mark as Unread Delete Publish Feedback					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name ▲, First Name	Turnitin® Similarity	Turnitin® GradeMark®	Submission Date	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacheco, Jennifer			Published: Apr 8, 2020 4:24 PM	
	Video_Note_Student.docx (1.9 MB)	6 %	8 / 10	Apr 7, 2020 2:44 PM	

6. After a student has viewed the grade and feedback, you will notice a new notification will appear under the Published date. This **Feedback Read** information tells you the date and time your student reviewed the grade and feedback.

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New Features

Flags

The **Flags Feature** flags things a student may have done deliberately to trick Turnitin, such as **hidden text** (e.g. white font) and **replaced characters** (letters from a different alphabet, e.g. Cyrillic or Greek letters instead of Latin). Turnitin will be added more flags in the future.

Document Details

The **Document Details Feature** helps check for “contract” cheating with metadata and forensic linguistics. There may be legitimate reasons why the **Author** is not the student, but this could indicate contract cheating. Other details, such as **Page Size** may indicate cheating in this manner as well. An investigator at the university will be able to run additional reports to compare the student’s writing to previous samples.

Contact Distance Education for more information.