

Transcript of Plagiarism Carol from University of Bergen

This video by the University of Bergen covers the problems associated with plagiarism in a hopefully amusing way.

After a Christmassy opening scene with a passing Victorian ghost we go to a modern day university with a Professor telling a student: **This paper has to be turned in on the 29th**

Student replies: **Ok I'll start straight away**

Student is swept up by a partying crowd of fellow students and whisked through the days to the 28th with only a pause to say to one of them : **I really have to write that paper** . However he is easily distracted from this and told: **But it's not due for a long time.**

He is shown falling through the calendar to the evening before submission he is shown looking at the assignment on **Logic and artificial intelligence** in front of his computer

He types the assignment title into a Google search box and clicks copy. Wind blows, lights flash his professor appears dressed as a Victorian ghost saying: **Ooooo This reeks of plagiarism, I am the ghost of plagiarism James (based on Charles Dickens 1843) and I am here to tell you what will happen if you plagiarize:-**

Scene cuts to our student in a queue to hand in his work he says to administrator : **Hi I want to turn in this paper.**

A swat squad appears shouting **Down! Down! Down!**

They force him to the floor and leads him away in handcuffs

The ghost voices over the scene: **First and foremost it is humiliating to be caught cheating. In addition you can fail the course and risk getting expelled from university.** Visuals show the student being forcibly ejected by stern academics swiftly followed by all his belongings.

Student now replies **Okay I get the point but not everyone is caught**

Ghost counters; Don't be so sure . The University has a secret weapon.

Scene changes to a robotics lab with giant robot and men in white coats. Voice over explains **The University has an electronic Ephorus program that checks all papers** (the Portsmouth equivalent is called Turnitin).

Scene simulates a robotic eye scanning a paper Ghost continues: **You're pretty lucky if you get away with cheating. So you have to ask yourself one question. Do you feel lucky? Well do ya Punk?**

Alarms sound a plagiarism alert. Plagiarism detected Dirty Harry 1971 appears on screen as laboratory hits meltdown with white coats flying machines exploding and computer flashing TERMINATE.

Ghost now asks **And have you ever thought how far you can go if you write a good paper without cheating?**

Scene changes to an international conference of military and civilians all looking worried (Dialogue here is in English.) Someone asks **How do we stop this thing?**

Someone else replies: **There is only one man who can save us now. We need the world's leading expert on artificial intelligence.**

Montage of people hurrying, missiles being prepared and a clock counting down then our student appears to say: **I suggest we create a GUI interface in Visual Basic.**

A commander shouts **Do you hear that do it do it now**

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Threat explodes scenes of excitement and press frenzy as our student takes the credit for this major success. Student says **Yes it looks great! But I don't know how to do it right.**

Professor replies **There is a fantastic place where you can find the information you need**

Scene changes to a library he is no longer a ghost but a ringmaster and leads a chorus line of staff singing and dancing to explain. **If you quote use ideas or expand on the work of others you must refer in the text to where you got the got the idea.**

A wall of placards spells out to be or not to be and credits William Shakespeare

This is a quote

The credit is deleted

This is plagiarism

A play bill is shown crediting Phyllis Chesler as author of *The Death of Feminism*

This is correct

Author's name is torn off

This is more suspect

Cheerleaders appear chanting **Go citation! Go Go Citation!**

Marching band appears led by ringmaster singing

Finally you make a list where you write down all the sources you have used

If something is still unclear take a look at our guidelines they are on the internet log on to our webpages and see
(In the case of Portsmouth <http://referencing.port.ac.uk/>)

In the finale the following credits flash on the screen as images or music echo the originals.

Star wars 1997, Michael Jackson's Thriller 1983, Peer Gynt Edvard Grieg, Ozzy Osbourne 1982,

Hamlet, William Shakespeare followed by even more credits relating to the making of the film.