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First Year Experience

Does academic integrity matter only if you get caught? Why Or why not?

No, I don’t think academic integrity matters only if you get caught. Academic integrity is also important morally. Someone who plagiarizes isn’t really doing the work themselves so when it comes down to it, it will not help them in the long run. I think that someone who plagiarizes is also cheating which means again they aren’t doing the work for themselves. Everyone has a guilty conscience and this would weigh very heavy on some one’s conscience. If you know it’s wrong you shouldn’t have do it.

There’s a lot of college students that might do it knowing that its wrong just to get the paper down and out of the way. But they soon realize when they have to take a test on these papers the information they were given to look up, would’ve helped them pass. The fact that they didn’t do the work for themselves will show in that test and the professor will be able to know that. Since I’ve gotten to college I haven’t thought of plagiarism but some people would rather do that then get a zero. But I know that even though its wrong a lot of people might not know how o cite correctly or know how to use information but giving credit to the author. Academic integrity matters to me and I’m sure to a lot of scholars on this campus. I’d rather earn my grade the right way.