CMPS 1043 – Plagiarism Essay Assignment – Fall 2011
Due Friday, November 4 before midnight.

Your essay will be submitted via email as a WORD attachment. The subject of your email MUST be: 1043 - Essay - Section {102/101}

Write an essay with length 1500 to 2000 words on the topic of plagiarism. (See general guidelines for essays.) The objective of this assignment is for you to demonstrate that you understand the various components related to plagiarism – definitions, examples, punishment, etc.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Read about plagiarism on the following two sites:
1. http://plagiarism.org/ (A set of PowerPoint slides summarizing material on this site is posted on the course web site.)
4. Find another source on plagiarism and read about plagiarism on the site.

CONTENT: You may organize your essay as you wish, but include at least the following information.
1. Definitions of plagiarism
2. Examples of plagiarism
3. Suggestions for avoiding plagiarism
4. Examples of cases in which people were caught & punished
5. Your thoughts and/or opinion (approximately 100 words)
6. Include a table or spreadsheet containing some statistics related to plagiarism.

Be sure to cite (reference) all of your quotes and other information you use from the 3 or more sources. At the end of essay, list your sources as shown in the material you studied.

FORM: Review “Essay Guidelines.” Use 12 point Times New Roman font. Side margins ½ inch; top and bottom margins ½ inch. Single spaced. Centered header in 18 point font. Header should be as follows:

PLAGIARISM
Your name
Date submitted

The essay must have one hyperlink to an article on plagiarism embedded in the body of the essay. You must include one table or spreadsheet (your choice) containing some statistics related to plagiarism. Be sure to make use of spell & grammar checker features!!