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**Plagiarism in the Real World**

Adapted from “Tough Times, Tough Texts,” by Kylene Beers

**Part I. Watch the video comparing Melania Trump and Michelle Obama’s speeches. Answer the questions that follow.**

1. Did Melania Trump plagiarize Michelle Obama’s speech? Why or why not?

2. Melania claims to have written the speech mostly herself while others point out that big speeches such as this are handled by speech writers. Who did the plagiarizing? Whose responsibility is it to check for this? Who should have stepped up and claimed the mistake and then assured it wouldn’t happen again?

**Part II. Read the two articles that discuss Obama’s response when he was accused of plagiarism and Trump’s response when Melania Trump was accused of plagiarism.**

3. How were the responses different when each was accused of plagiarism?

4. Which person do you think handled it better? Why?