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Attribution Decay Worksheet
Names:

Group 1: Cancer Controversy

Sheng Wang faced controversy over two papers funded by National Cancer Institute and National Institutes of Health grants. Answer the questions below and be prepared to report back to the class.

1. Who is Sheng Wang and (briefly) how did he plagiarize?
2. What were the effects of his actions on Cancer research?
3. What were the effects of his actions on his career?

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Group 2: Shattered Glass

Stephen Glass was an editor at The New Republic who was accused of fabricating stories. Answer the questions below and be prepared to report back to the class.

1. Who is Stephen Glass and (briefly) how did he plagiarize?
2. How many stories did he make up and how far did he go to hide his actions?
3. What were the personal and professional consequences?

Group 3: Quite the Imagination

Jonah Lehrer was a staff writer for The New Yorker who was accused of self-plagiarism and making up quotes. Answer the questions below and be prepared to report back to the class.

1. Who is Jonah Lehrer and (briefly) how did he plagiarize?
2. Describe how he managed to plagiarize himself.
3. What were the effects of his actions on his career?

Group 4: Melodic Mishap

In 1976, George Harrison was accused of plagiarizing his song, "My Sweet Lord." Answer the questions below and be prepared to report back to the class.

1. Briefly describe the details of the case.
2. What was the ruling?
3. What effect did the case have on George Harrison?