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You are being asked to volunteer your responses to this survey tool for an optional, confidential, authorized research study. The purpose of this study is to improve teaching and learning, *not* to evaluate its participants. In other words, no judgments will be made of you if you agree to participate. Participation does not involve any additional work by you.

If you are 17 years or younger you cannot take part in this study; you must click “No” in the next survey question. If you are 18 or older and you agree to participate, then please click “Yes” in the next survey question. This grants your consent to have your responses to the questions prompted by this tool treated as confidential data by study personnel, who are trained to properly conduct human subjects research.

Whether or not you grant consent, the workload is exactly the same on your part. No one other than you will ever know if you participate in the study or not. Any teachers who have assigned your use of this tool as homework will not know whether you have volunteered your responses as study data, only whether you have completed the assignment.

Your participation in the study is completely voluntary; you do not have to participate if you don’t want to. There are no foreseeable risks to you for participating, and there are no costs to you for participating. You will not be paid for your participation.

To ensure that this research activity is being conducted properly, Stony Brook University's Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (CORIHS), the Office for Human Research Protections, and/or other applicable officials of SBU have the right to review study records, but confidentiality will be maintained as allowed by law. If you have questions or concerns about the study, you may contact me at the address below. If you have any questions about your rights as a research subject, or if you would like to obtain information or offer input, you may contact CORIHS at 631-632-9036.

If you consent to participating in this study by clicking “Yes” in the next survey question, it means you have read (or have had read to you) the information contained in this document, and you would like to be a volunteer in this research study. Study data will be kept confidential on a secure University server. It is recommended that you download, print, and keep a copy of this consent form.

Thank you for your consideration,

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