Human Subjects Research

Subjects:

Who will participate: 12 to 13 year old multigender and multiracial middle school minors.

Identify any vulnerable populations: Minors.

Recruitment:

Where will you find your subjects: In a Literacy Lab class I will invite 8 students.

How will they be invited to participate: I will ask the students in front of class and tell them what they are to do and potential risks, benefits, and their protection of privacy.

Methods:

What participants will be asked to do: Each student will be asked to write an essay in the. One group of 4 will write an essay with EssayMaker, and the other group with Microsoft Word. They will then turn them in and the next day will switch and write with the opposite tool.

Risks:

What are the risks or potential discomforts to participants: stress about time left, confusion, problems with computers.

Benefits:

Learning to write in an organized way, better grades in the future using EssayMaker, knowing about an awesome program a kid spent 6 years on, happiness, etc.

Protection of Privacy:

Will any identifiable information be collected: Nothing identifiable will be on the essay but the persons randomly picked number. This will be anonymous but only used for organization of essays.

Informed Consent Process:

I will explain the purpose of the study before the tests start, as everything will be optional and voluntary: "The purpose of this study is simply to see if my program works to my criteria. You will write three one paragraph mini-essays in 15 minutes each, if you have any objections or questions please ask. If you are uncomfortable, confused, and etc. you can stop the essay at any time."

Thank you for considering my project! It has culminated over 6 years from a command line to a full on window, so please check it out if you have any concerns or thoughts or interests in it.

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