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Going Beyond "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work"

For my research project, I would like to study methods involved with working on a team, including organizational strategies and psychological phenomena. This information could be found in scholarly articles, studies, management books, case studies, and posts from developers. All of these types of texts seem like good options, as there are no major biases. I am particularly interested in posts directly made by developers who are working in a team. These types of posts are valuable to me because the person has real experience, whereas a management book may be written by a person with experience in management, rather than in team development. My project will involve anyone working on a team project, with some specific focus directed towards software projects. It will also involve people who are managing those projects. The people involved in this topic tend to use certain linguistic tools, mainly for communication. In software projects, code comments are another example of a linguistic tool. They are typically worded to be short and clear, and standard grammar rules may be ignored.

I am interested in this topic because I am currently working on a software project in a team for my first time ever. I am having some difficulties with the team aspect of the project, and I would like to learn how I can help my team succeed. This topic is fit for a writing and rhetoric class. Working in a team is generally a communicative process, and it will always involve language of some sort. This communication is often in written form. I already have experience with this topic because I am currently working in a team. I also have experience in software

projects because I am majoring in computer science, and I do some personal projects. I will be able to compare my challenges with team projects and individual projects. I am curious about the deeper methods and effects involved with team development. I want to learn about concepts like groupthink and social loafing. By doing this research, I would learn some team strategies that I can apply to my team. I am the most active member of my team, so I would have great influence if I could apply these skills. Aside from this one summer project, I can also apply this research to all my future projects. I will likely need these skills in my future career, and they may help if I ever want to pursue my hobby of game development.

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