



Informed Consent Form for Social Science Research
The Pennsylvania State University

Title of Project: Motivation Factors of Adolescent Male Learners in the Classroom

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1. **Purpose of the Study:** The purpose of this research is to discover what factors motivate and engage adolescent male students in the classroom.
2. **Procedures to be followed:** Students will be asked education related and reading questions. Their work and responses may be used for the purpose of this research. There will also be student video/audio recorded class work assessment used asking about their academic success and experiences with the subject of English. I will be asking students class work assessment questions and use in class work to conduct research and demonstrate my findings in my undergraduate thesis paper. Using strategies discussed in research conducted by Jeff Wilhelm, I will attempt to discover and implement teaching strategies to improve the engagement of adolescent male students in the English classroom. I will also be using statements from student podcasts and responses to work in our English units: *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, *The Outsiders*, and *Romeo and Juliet*.
3. **Duration/Time:** This research will continue until May 16, 2010. All class work and interviews will be conducted during class time and will take place within the class period.
4. **Statement of Confidentiality:** Your participation in this research is confidential. The data will be stored and secured on my personal computer in a locked and password protected file. Student names will be removed from any class work assessment or video recordings of students. The recordings will be kept on my computer only for the duration of my student teaching placement. This placement ends June 19, 2010. With your permission, these recordings will be archived for future use. However, if you do not give permission for recordings to be archived then all recording will be deleted and destroyed at the end of my student teaching placement. I am the only individual who will have access to these files. In the event of a publication or presentation resulting from the research, no personally identifiable information will be shared.
5. **Right to Ask Questions:** Please contact me at (610) 413-6596 with questions or concerns about this study.
6. **Voluntary Participation:** Your decision to be in this research is voluntary. You can stop at any time. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer.

You will be given a copy of this form for your records.

Options for Use of Recordings Created During Normal Instruction:

May the researcher use the audio and video record **your child's** participation in regular class activity for her thesis research? Circle one option.

_____ I **do not** give permission the recordings to be archived for use in the following way: for use in future student teaching projects. I understand the recordings will be destroyed on 6/19/2010.

_____ I give permission for the recordings to be archived for use in the following way: for use in future student teaching projects.

I agree to allow class work, class work assessments, and video recordings from English class to be released to the principal investigator and the research team of this study for the purpose of studying methods to help male adolescent learners

I DO NOT agree to allow class work, class work assessments, and video recordings from English class to be released to the principal investigator and the research team of this study.

You will be given a copy of this signed and dated consent form for your records.

Parent/Guardian Permission

"I give permission for _____ to participate in this research."

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

ASSENT: Teenagers age 13 and Older Signature

Date

Signature of Researcher

Date