

Consent Form: Critical Thinking Study Student Participation

Your instructor is participating in a study which is further implementing and developing an assessment instrument, a “Critical Thinking Rubric,” originally designed at WSU, which would afford a rough measure of student progress in achieving the higher intellectual skills over the course of their college careers. This study is a component of the grant received by General Education, the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology and the Campus Writing Programs from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education.

The researchers for this project will collect student papers from this class and evaluate them using a group of trained faculty readers to determine the effectiveness of the Critical Thinking rubric. Your instructor will collect assignments from at least two points in the semester.

Data collected will be strictly confidential and your name will not be recorded. Only the research team will have access to the data. Your performance in your class will have no relation to your participation in this study.

By participating in this project, you will help WSU faculty refine instructional and evaluative methods which will encourage higher intellectual skills over the course of students’ college careers. Washington State University and the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology, Campus Writing Programs and General Education Program support the practice of protection of the rights of research participants. Accordingly, this project was reviewed and approved by the WSU Institutional Review Board. The information in this consent form is provided so that you can decide whether you wish to participate in our study. It is important that you understand that your participation is considered voluntary. This means that even if you agree to participate you are free to withdraw from the experiment at any time, without penalty.

Critical Thinking Study Principal Investigator
Diane Kelly-Riley, Campus Writing Programs, 335-1323

CONSENT STATEMENT:

I have read the above comments and agree to participate in this project. I understand that if I have any questions or concerns regarding this project I can contact the investigator at the above location or the WSU Institutional Review Board at (509) 335-9661.

Participant’s Signature

Date

Print Name

WSU ID Number

Course Name and Number_____