Participant Consent Form

As a student in WRT 205/209, you are invited to participate in a research study entitled “Students and Their Sources.” The purpose of the research is to learn about undergraduates’ research and writing practices. The results of the research will be published so that it can help teachers design effective research instruction for undergraduate writers.

Your involvement in this study is voluntary. You can choose whether you wish to participate. If you decide to participate, you may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. Your WRT 205/209 teacher will not know whether you are participating in the study. Your decision about participating will have no effect on your grade in WRT 205/209.

If you choose to participate in this study, you will be asked to share with the Citation Project researchers the Qualtrics survey; three Camtasia recordings; your final paper or project; and the reflection on your research process. All of these are part of your regular work in WRT 205/209 and require no extra work from you.

Randomly selected research participants will be invited to participate in a short optional interview, which will take approximately half an hour of your time. Participants’ names will be entered into a drawing for one of a number of possible prizes.

Materials you submit to the research team will be uploaded to a secure server, where they will be anonymized and assigned an alphanumeric identifier prior to analysis. They will not be traceable back to you. Whenever one works with email or the internet, there is always the risk of compromising privacy, confidentiality, and/or anonymity. Your confidentiality will be maintained to the degree permitted by the technology being used. It is important for you to understand that no guarantees can be made regarding the interception of data sent via the internet by third parties.

If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints about the research, please contact Professor Rebecca Moore Howard at rehoward@syr.edu.

I am 18 years of age or older, and I agree to participate in this research study.

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Printed Name of Participant

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Participant Signature       Date

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Printed Name of Researcher

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Researcher Signature       Date