

## **Combined Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form for Online Study**

**Study Title:** Exploring the learning processes involved during writing.

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### **What is the research about?**

My name is Amy Peters, and I am a PhD student in the School of Education at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom. This study is part of my ongoing PhD research and explores the effects of writing on learning.

The study was approved by the Faculty Research Ethics Committee (FREC) at the University of Southampton (Ethics/ERGO Number: 70438.A1).

### **What will happen to me if I take part?**

This study involves completing an online study featuring some questionnaires and writing activities across two sessions, which should take approximately an hour of your time in total (45 minutes for Session 1, and 15 minutes for Session 2). You will need to complete each session in one sitting. If you are happy to complete this study, you will need to tick (check) the box below to show your consent.

### **Why have I been asked to participate?**

You have been asked to take part because you are a higher-education student over the age of 18 and have seen the study advert. I am aiming to recruit around 100 participants for this study.

### **What information will be collected?**

The data collected from you in this study includes demographic information (age, gender, first language, and subject studied), your responses to some questions on your beliefs about writing and your understanding of a text, and your responses to the writing activities. You will also be asked to provide your email address so the researcher can contact you with information and a link to complete Session 2. Your data will be stored separately to your email address in a password-protected file. The file containing your email address will also be stored in a password-protected file and will be deleted once data collection is complete. You will also be asked for your unique SONA code if you are a psychology undergraduate at the University of Southampton so that research credits can be allocated. Your SONA code will not be stored alongside your data and will be deleted once credits have been allocated.

### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

If you decide to take part in this study, you will not receive any direct benefits; however, your participation will contribute to knowledge in this area of research. If you are a Psychology undergraduate at the University of Southampton, you can receive 12 credits for completion of **both** sessions.

### **Are there any risks involved?**

There are no risks of participating in this research outside of what you typically experience in everyday life.

### **What will happen to the information collected?**

All information collected for this study will be stored securely on a password-protected computer and backed up on a secure server. Only the researcher and their supervisor will have access to this information.

The information collected will be analysed and written up as part of the researcher's PhD thesis and may also be written up for publication in an academic journal and/or for presentation at conferences.

**What happens if there is a problem?**

If you are unhappy about any aspect of this study and would like to make a formal complaint, you can contact the Head of Research Integrity and Governance, University of Southampton, on the following contact details:

Email: [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk), phone: + 44 2380 595058.

Please quote the Ethics/ERGO number above. Please note that by making a complaint you might be no longer anonymous.

More information on your rights as a study participant is available via this link:

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/governance/participant-information.page>

**Thank you for reading this information sheet and considering taking part in this research.**

☐ Please tick (check) this box to indicate that you have read and understood information on this form, are aged 18 or over and agree to take part in this study.