

EXPLANATION OF RESEARCH

Title of Study: Composition Faculty Perspective on Students' Use of Rhetorical Analysis of Japanese Media in First-Year Writing Courses

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Whether you take part is up to you.

This study seeks to inquire if first-year composition faculty in the United States observe their students attempting to rhetorically analyze Japanese media artifacts such as anime and Japanese video games in their First-Year Writing Courses. The objective of this research is to determine Instructor perception of prevalence of student interest in Japanese media and how often these media are analyzed by First-Year Composition Students for the purposes of developing more sophisticated culturally informed supports for both faculty and students in rhetorically analyzing Japanese media artifacts.

Participating in this study involves taking a Qualtrics-based survey. Survey questions will inquire about faculty members' observation of student writing analyzing Japanese media and pop culture, the approximate number of students conducting this work per term, whether the analyzed media are student chosen or faculty assigned, if the media are analyzed in translation or subtitled in the original language, and what (if any) materials or frameworks the Instructors use to prepare students for rhetorically analyzing media in translation or otherwise in a global context.

The survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You are free to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation in this study at any time without prejudice or penalty. Your decision to participate or not participate in this study will in no way affect your relationship with UCF, including continued enrollment, grades, employment or your relationship with the individuals who may have an interest in this study.

No identifiable information will be collected or stored. Data will be stored on the secure UCF Qualtrics server for a minimum of five years after study closure.

Your information could be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without your additional informed consent.

You must be 18 years of age or older and must be a First-Year Writing instructor of any rank at a public University in the United States at the time of taking the survey to take part in this research study.

Study contact for questions about the study or to report a problem: If you have questions, concerns, or complaints contact Vee Kennedy, PhD Student, Texts & Technology Program, at ke529190@ucf.edu, or Dr. Anastasia Salter, Faculty Supervisor, at anastasia@ucf.edu.

IRB contact about your rights in this study or to report a complaint: If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or have concerns about the conduct of this study, please contact Institutional Review Board (IRB), University of Central Florida, Office of Research, 12201 Research Parkway, Suite 501, Orlando, FL 32826-3246 or by telephone at (407) 823-2901, or email irb@ucf.edu.