
Writer's Statement about "Personality and Its Effects on Facebook and Self-Disclosure"

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I was really excited to tackle this writing project as it was about a topic I have studied a lot. The Myers-Briggs personality evaluation is something that my church has taught me about for a few years now. We used it often when building leadership teams so we could better understand how each of us works and where our individual strengths and weaknesses were. I have seen firsthand how incorporating the knowledge of one's personality type can be quite helpful and I sought out to see if there were any other applications for this test.

The whole project took about a semester's worth of researching and editing multiple drafts. I ran into a few difficulties throughout the semester, one of them being the research itself. Because the Myers-Briggs personality test was absent in the research already completed, I had a hard time differentiating between research that would be applicable and comparable to the work I would be doing, and the research that was far off and irrelevant.

Another difficult aspect of this process was the analysis of my data. I had to organize all of my subjects into categories according to the individual letters, as well as each possible combination of letters. I then had to compare and contrast each of the subjects according to each category of self-disclosure on Facebook and see if there were any similarities or trends between the personality dimensions.

With every draft I wrote, I received feedback from my fellow classmates and my teacher, which really helped improve my paper. From those comments, I made the changes I felt necessary to make my research as organized and interesting as possible. My intended audience was more geared towards people interested in personalities and psychology; my research could really help them better understand the people they come into contact with every day. From my secondary research, I noticed that the research articles for this intended audience had a very organized structure, so I modeled my work after those texts in order to be the most effective in presenting my findings.