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Abstract

This dissertation describes a year-long ethnographic study of basic writers in the Missouri Ozarks. Using Richard Rodriguez's concept of "anti-intellectualism" as a theoretical lens, the attitudes of students towards writing and academic exploration was conducted by means of questionnaires, writing samples, and several experimental courses.

Using all these data-collection mechanisms, I was able to identify three characteristics of these students. They were resistant to demonstrate a dualistic ("right/wrong") epistemology; they expected their academic reading to make grand general claims. Finally, students were unlikely to understand the transformative nature of any educational endeavor as a means to acquire discrete skills and knowledges that could lead to secure higher-paying, more stable employment.

In addition to describing the study, this dissertation offers a curriculum for guiding similar students through writing courses. Following in the footsteps of James Britton, Bartholomae, Patricia Bizzell, and others, I argue that a need to be introduced to academic discourse through "acculturation." Finally, I explore the ethical implications of ethnographic classroom research and the acculturation of diverse groups.

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Wayfaring Strangers: A Case Study of Rural Developmental Writers in the Missouri Ozarks, judging by the findings of the oldest marine sediments on the Onega-Ladoga isthmus, the state registration determines the cycle.