

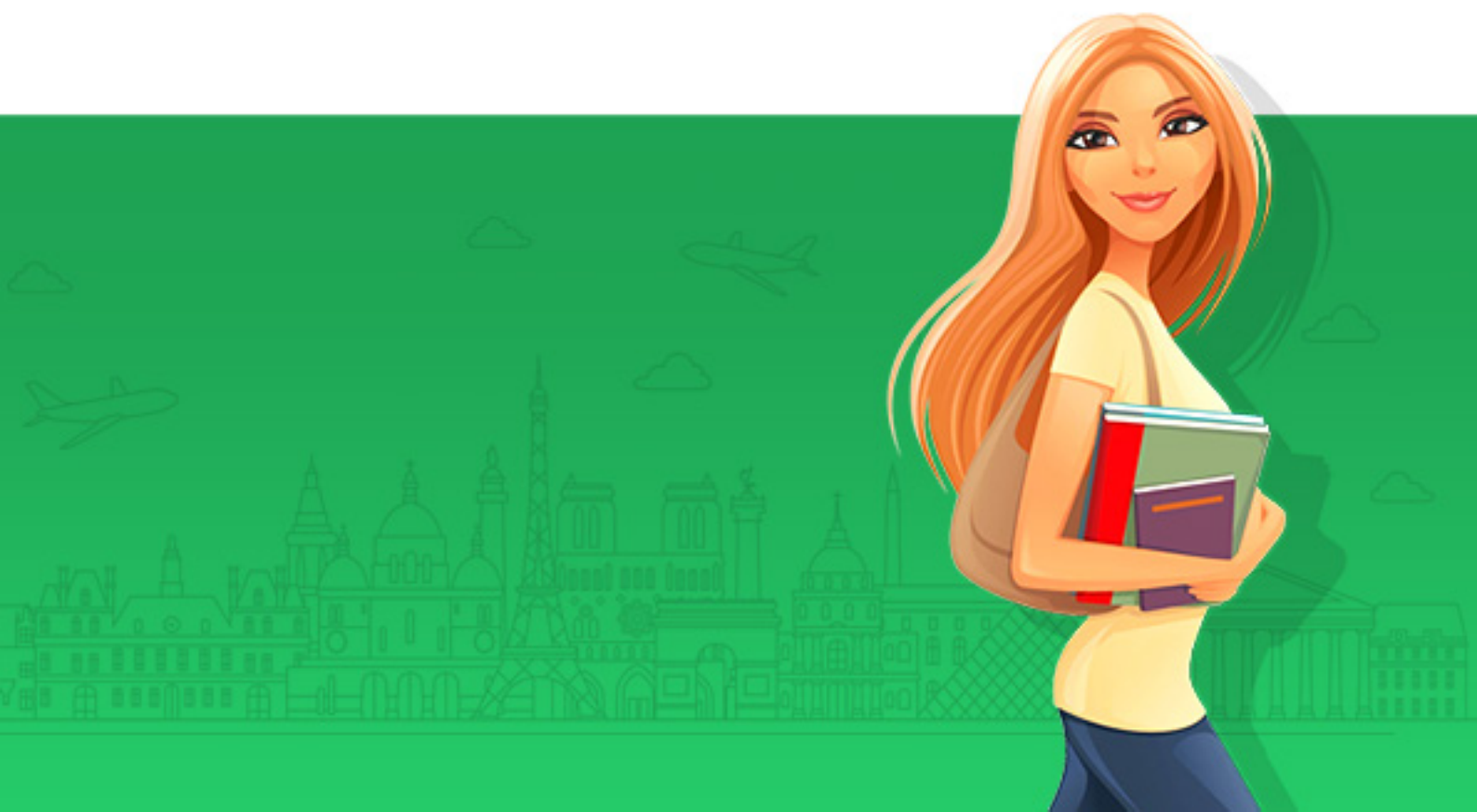


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# Research Proposal

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## — Introduction

Drawing is probably the first method that prehistoric people used to depict their life and emotions. They did not have the high level of communication as well as could poorly express what they felt orally or using gestures. Hence, drawing was the first attempt to show the way they view the world and their place in it.

Despite the fact that it is the year 2014, and people learn to satisfy their necessity of being heard in various ways, drawing did not lose its significance. For children, drawing is something more than a piece of art; it is the opportunity to introduce their personal vision of this world. They cannot express all their thoughts in an oral manner as adults do; thus, they draw what they want to introduce to others.

Drawing is a process when a person blends with their illustrations; hereby, various tools such as pencils or brushes help to put one's imagination on paper. Today, due to the modern technologies, one receives an opportunity to draw without using any usual tools. With the help of electronic devices, one may make a picture more accurate and colorful. Various programs provide skeletons and sketches, so it is possible even for a child without a talent for drawing to create a picture that will be correct from the point of proportions, sizes and lines.

On the one hand, it is a good option; however, on the other hand, a child loses an opportunity to create a drawing using only their talent, and as a result, drawing loses its originality.

I have always been wondering whether there is a difference between drawing with the simple tools and using special devices. My little nephew is only three years old and he likes drawing very much. However,



he used his father's iPad to draw his images. Thus, I think it is a great topic because it would be interesting to search what effect does drawing have on a child's development.

## — Personal Connection to the Topic

Owing to the fact that I have a nephew, I have investigated this topic. Hence, my research can be very useful for his parents because they are interested in their child's development as well as I am. Moreover, many other parents are concerned about the fact that modern technologies replace the usual means of drawing. When I was a child, I was very fond of drawing since it helped me to introduce my feelings on the paper. Today, the situation is almost the same; when I feel upset, I begin drawing, and it helps me to relax, calm down and forget about all my problems. Indeed, during this process, the whole world does not exist for me, and there is only me and my drawing.

Another issue that is very interesting for me is whether drawing has any connection with a person's mental activities and their perception of the world. When I draw, I imagine the object of my drawing with its every line and structure. Hence, I can see the world in a different way than the majority of people. According to this fact, it is interesting for me how drawing can effect the child's perception of the world and influence their further development. Furthermore, I want to understand what influence had drawing on me in the childhood and nowadays.



## — Significance

The topic of my research introduces the importance of drawing not only to me but to many other people, especially young parents. People are completely surrounded by drawings and paintings made with simple tools that make ones meditate and think when they look at them. Personally I think that technology has a negative effect on drawing. On the one hand, when a person draws using simple tools, they become closer to their drawing; thus, it can be said that a person has a direct contact with their drawing. On the other hand, technological tools enlarge the distance between a person who performs a drawing and a proximate picture.

Drawing is important for children's development. They can develop such life skills as social and emotional via different kinds of art activities. In fact, all these new devices simplify the process of drawing; though it has both advantages and disadvantages. However, it is unknown whether children who like to draw or paint using tablets feel the same as I did when I was a child drawing with regular markers and papers. The question has a central position in my research. I believe that a character of a person is much predetermined by its development and those factors that have a strong influence in the childhood. Drawing as a part of educational process is one of those aspects that are necessary to research in order to receive an answer to this question.



## — What I Learned from My Preliminary Research

From my preliminary research I knew that the researchers have provided quite many materials on my topic. They divided the process of child's growing into several sections and implemented drawing as the part of this development. On the early stages, when a child is at the age of 1,5-2 years old, they draw simple lines which are not connected with each other and often do not introduce any image. By the age of three ears, children start drawing different signs like crosses or objects of certain forms. When children are about 4 years old and elder, they are already able to present simple drawings where they introduce the world that surrounds them. On these pictures, they show what they see in their everyday life. Therefore, these drawings can help to understand the way a child develops and views this world. Due to these pictures, psychologists can make a conclusion whether child's development is going in the right way or there are some difficulties.

When I started searching information on this topic, I found various sources in the internet, namely websites, blogs, some periodical articles and other interesting information. In fact, all these sources introduced different points on this topic and analyzed the issue from various angles. Thus, I believe that my research can be completed fully since I can review different aspects of the topic. For instant, Angela Anning in her article "Professionals Talking About Young Children's Drawing: The Impact of Their Beliefs on Practice" analyzes the impact of drawing on child's development during different stages of growing. Moreover, there are many websites where researchers introduce their opinions concerning this issue. They provide psychological evidence that proves the impact of drawing on child's behavior and perception of the world.



The existing database is large enough to provide a complete research on this issue. Moreover, I can use only few aspects of this issue in order to concentrate my attention only on the particular piece of research or introduce the general research that will include the observation of all aspects about this topic.

## — Conclusion

It can be said that the topic of my research presents, first of all, an interest to me. I want to know why and how drawing is connected with inner processes of human mentality. According to this fact, I can outline several points that I will surely include in my research paper. First, I will present information about drawing as a process and its role in our life. Secondly, I will raise the issue about the children's development and analyze what factors have the greatest impact on their growing. In this point, I will introduce materials that prove the connection between drawing and its impact on the children's development. The third point will include the studies provided by researchers about the impact of drawing on children's perception of the world. Moreover, I will include information that will contain psychological and educational aspects. In this way, I want to show the connection between the mental process and drawing as well as to learn what effects they have on a child and to what consequences may lead their absence.

Finally, I will provide information about the latest technological devices which simplify the process of drawing. I will analyze this issue from both negative and positive points of view. However, I will pay more attention to negative aspects because my preliminary research shows and according to my personal knowledge, drawing with simple tools is





better. In the conclusion, I will summarize all the gathered materials, give the results of my analysis and state how it helped me to answer the questions present in my research proposal. Finally, I will summarize all findings and make an attempt to prove why drawing with simple tools is better than drawing using electronic devices.

