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## Project Title

## A Study of Connections between Synesthesia and Creativity

## Objectives

This project surveys individuals, testing for synesthesia and its potential correlations to creativity. The hypothesis was that there is a correlation between those with synesthesia and creativity, however, currently there is further testing that is being performed, and therefore a conclusion cannot yet be drawn.

## Methods

Materials List

1. multiple surveys interviewing and testing individuals for synesthesia and its correlations
2. multiple individuals willing to participate in the survey
3. A computer for recording results
4. At least $30 \%$ of the individuals must have synesthesia in order to test for correlations

## Results

I am currently furthering my research, however, I originally completed another study on Synesthesia, and came up with the following results:

The original intent of my experiment was to test a potential correlation between synesthesia and musical ability. The results of my experiment showed that approximately $50 \%$ of those with synesthesia reported that they were musically inclined, compared to the $67 \%$ of nonsynesthetes that reported musical inclination. However, about $89 \%$ of synesthetes reported that they were creative people, while only $79 \%$ of those without synesthesia reported creativity. Other correlations include the following: $100 \%$ of synesthetes were allowed pain/fever reducers as children, and only $92 \%$ of nonsynesthetes were. $100 \%$ of synesthetes enjoyed the act of swinging, while again, only $92 \%$ of nonsynesthetes enjoyed the activity. $67 \%$ of synesthetes reported having experienced childhood trauma, where only $29 \%$ of nonsynesthetes reported experiencing it. $50 \%$ of synesthetes reported experiencing migraine headaches, yet only $24 \%$ of those without synesthesia reported having experienced them. $44 \%$ of those with synesthesia reported mathematical inclination, however, $58 \%$ of those without synesthesia reported that they were mathematically inclined. $28 \%$ of synesthetes reported being left-handed, while only $12 \%$ of nonsynesthetes reported being left handed. Finally, $28 \%$ of those with synesthesia liked Michael Jackson, while $44 \%$ of those without synesthesia liked him, and $11 \%$ of those without synesthesia were indifferent.

## Summary Statement

I contrived this study to show that those with Synesthesia are creative people.

## Help Received

I received guidance from my colleague Mr. Jonathan Scharrer, who assisted with statistic representation.

