Final Report
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Project: “Writing the Real World of Student Work”

1. Description of grant-supported activity
   I used the time allotted by the grant to complete and distribute an IRB-approved survey to all undergraduates attending IU South Bend in May 2013. I have since compiled and analyzed the data from the survey and am in the process of writing an article based on the results. I am also using literacy narratives written by graduate students from previous classes, which I also received IRB approval to collect and analyze.

2. Were you able to complete the project? Describe any difficulty you had.
   I was able to complete the research phase for this project, analyze the data, and draft an article. Analyzing the survey data proved to be the most challenging aspect of the project because I am not trained as a sociologist and had to seek out help from colleagues better trained in statistics. That challenge turned out to be a useful learning curve for me and has resulted in an article that benefits from the cross-disciplinary overlap.

3. Did, or will, the project result in a specific product -- a manuscript, composition, syllabus, etc? If so, please describe and indicate state of development.
   The project will result in an article, which I plan to submit to College Composition and Communication, one of the top ranked journals in my field. I have received feedback on two initial drafts from colleagues and am currently working on a final revision of the article.