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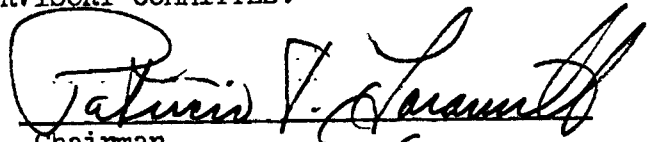
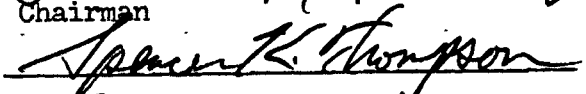
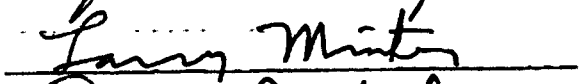
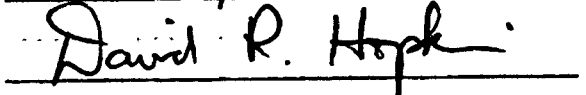
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Abstract

This experiment was a comparison of the pre and posttest scores of low socio-economic teenagers on Crites' Career Maturity Inventory and the Gordon occupational Checklist. The experimental group was exposed to learning modules with emphasis on personal relations, problem-solving techniques, and decision-making methods. A MANOVA test revealed no significant differences between the pre and posttests on either the Career Maturity Inventory or the Gordon Occupational Checklist. There is an indication that these Subjects may need development in other areas as their career maturity is within the normal range. The results of the Gordon Occupational Checklist show a very narrow view of the world of work for young people who are in high school.