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Back Up Dude

My project is an exploration on personal space. I used twelve students, six eighth graders and six first graders three where boys and three where girls in each grade. I thought that the first grade girls would have a less amount of personal space because they haven't learned social awareness yet, and females in general because they are told to be a certain way for example usually when girls come together they usually hug but boys just high five. For my procedure I measured nine inches, eighteen inches, four feet and twelve feet. I had a subject sit on a chair on the 9" line while I stood on the twelve foot line, as I was talking to them I would slowly get closer and closer and recorded their eye contact, posture, and facial expressions. I just use normal conversations like how their summer was or winter break was. In result the first grade girls did have a less amount of personal space I was surprised however that the eighth grade boys had the most amount of personal space even though I had known them for years. I could make this a better project by using adults as well as kids and teens or if the person testing them is a different age and gender. I learned that it is really hard working with people because everyone has a different amount of personal space.