

Michigan State University
School of Telecommunication, Information Studies, and Media
TC830 Class Project Game Prototype Playtest
Research Participant Information and Consent Form

1. EXPLANATION OF THE RESEARCH and WHAT YOU WILL DO:

- You are being asked to participate in a playtesting research study of Gene Rummy, a card game that is being developed about Basic Mendelian Genetics and Inheritance.
- As a participant, you will be asked to choose a pseudonym (a made up name) to use throughout the playtest to protect your privacy.
- You will play a prototype of the game for about 30 minutes.
- You will be asked to “think aloud” while you play, describing your thoughts, questions, and emotions while you play.
- Researchers will observe you while you play and occasionally ask questions.
- After you are done playing, you will be asked to complete a short, anonymous survey about the game.
- You must be at least 18 years old to participate in this research.

2. YOUR RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE, SAY NO, OR WITHDRAW:

Participation in this research project is completely voluntary. You have the right to say no. You may change your mind at any time and withdraw. You may choose not to answer specific questions or to stop participating at any time.

3. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:

If you have concerns or questions about this study, please contact the faculty supervisor, Dr. Carrie Heeter, Michigan State University Professor of Telecommunication, Information Studies, and Media, located in San Francisco at 2467 Funston Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94116, 415-681-6490, heeter@msu.edu. You may also contact the secondary investigator, Katrin Becker, RR #2 Cochrane, Alberta, T4C 1A2, 403-932-6322, becker89@msu.edu

4. CONFIRMATION OF INFORMED CONSENT.

You indicate your voluntary agreement to participate by telling the researcher that you agree to participate in the research.

This consent form is yours to keep.