

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

York College

Department of Behavioral Sciences

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT

Project Title: Transformative Games Initiative

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Site where study is to be conducted: Please check the York College Research Subjects Pool web site for details (<http://york-cuny.sona-systems.com/>). Most studies are conducted online or at York College in the AC-4F01 suite.

Introduction/Purpose: You are invited to participate in a research study. The study is conducted under the direction of Robert O. Duncan, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Sciences at York College. The purpose of this research study is to better understand how the behavioral methods used to make board games and video games might be utilized for education. The results of this study may improve teaching methods and provide students with new and interesting opportunities for learning.

Procedures: Approximately 300 individuals are expected to participate in each experiment. Each subject will participate in a board game or a video game. The time commitment of each participant is expected to be one hour, but some studies may last up to two hours. Studies will be conducted on the Internet (<http://www.transformativegames.org>) or at York College, Suite AC-4F01, 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11451.

Possible Discomforts and Risks: Your participation in this study may involve physical discomfort associated with sitting and using a computer keyboard for one hour. You might also experience stress or frustration when playing some of the games. Finally, there is a risk that confidentiality could be breached. To minimize these risks (1) you will be allowed to take breaks, (2) the task difficulty will be adjusted if it gets too hard, and (3) your name will be stored in a different location from your data. All data will be stored on password-protected, encrypted hard drives behind the York College firewall. Your name will only be used to issue credit on SONA, the York College Research Subjects Pool. If you are bothered, troubled, or upset as a result of this study you should contact Dr. Robert Duncan at rduncan@york.cuny.edu.

Benefits: There are no direct benefits to participating in this study, but you will learn about a topic that may contribute to your academic success. Future generations of York College students may also benefit from this research because it may help instructors teach better.

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Approval Date:	January 25, 2013
Expiration Date:	January 24, 2014
Coordinator Initials: TS	

Alternatives: If for some reason you do not wish to participate in this study, you can sign up for a different study on SONA or consult with your instructor for an alternate assignment. You may not be allowed to participate if you are enrolled in a course taught by Dr. Duncan.

Voluntary Participation: Your participation in this study is voluntary, and you may decide not to participate without prejudice, penalty, or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you decide to leave the study, please contact the principal investigator Robert Duncan to inform them of your decision.

Financial Considerations: Participation in this study will involve no cost to the participant. For your participation in this study you will receive credit on SONA, the York College Research Subjects Pool, at the end of the week or by the end of the study termination date as indicated on SONA.

Confidentiality: The data obtained from you will be collected via the Internet or during a board game session. The collected data will be accessible to Robert Duncan, members of his research staff, and the CUNY IRB staff. The researcher will protect your confidentiality by separating your name from the raw data and storing the data on password-protected, encrypted hard drives behind the York College firewall. Your name and this consent form will be stored separately from the experimental data in a different room on a different hard drive.

Contact Questions/Persons: If you have any questions about the research now or in the future, you should contact the principal investigator, Robert Duncan at rduncan@york.cuny.edu. If you have any questions concerning your rights as a participant in this study, you may contact Tara Smith, the HRPP Coordinator at tsmith9@york.cuny.edu or (718) 262-2061.

Statement of Consent:

“I have read the above description of this research and I understand it. I have been informed of the risks and benefits involved, and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. Furthermore, I have been assured that any future questions that I may have will also be answered by the principal investigator of the research study. I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.

By signing this form I have not waived any of my legal rights to which I would otherwise be entitled.

I will be given a copy of this statement.”

_____ Printed Name of Subject	_____ Signature of Subject	_____ Date Signed
_____ Printed Name of Person Explaining Consent Form	_____ Signature of Person Explaining Consent Form	_____ Date Signed
_____ Printed Name of Investigator	_____ Signature of Investigator	_____ Date Signed