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*Consent Form*

The following research is being conducted as part of my senior research project for distinction in psychology. I am asking for your participation in the following study that will test how well you can remember the content of two news articles. Your participation will improve what we know about how people read and remember text. Keep in mind that your participation in this research is completely voluntary.

If you decide to participate you will be asked to read two news articles and to come back 48 hours later and complete a memory assessment and a test to see how you learn information. The total time for the study should be about 30 minutes on each of the two days. As noted on the psychology website when you signed up for this study, you will receive extra credit for your participation in this research.

There is no risk to you by participating in this study but if you feel uncomfortable at any point, you are welcome to stop without any penalty to you. If you do decide to participate in this study all results will remain confidential. All data collected in conjunction with this project will be stored in the psychology laboratory and will be destroyed within 5 years.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything during the study, please do not hesitate to ask. If you have any further questions after the completion of the study please feel free to contact XXXXXX. The project is being supervised by XXXXXXXXXXXX; she can be contacted by email at XXXXXXXXXXXX@stockton.edu or by phone at 609-626-XXXX.

Your signature below indicates that you have read the above information and have agreed to participate.

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Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

**Commented [ML1]:** All Informed Consent Forms (ICF) should be on Stockton letterhead.

**Commented [ML2]:** The ICF should give a little description about the research. If the researcher is concerned about biasing the results, the information here can be limited as long as there is a separate debriefing form given to the participant at the end of the study.

**Commented [ML3]:** The ICF should reinforce/remind the participant that s/he can withdraw without penalty.

**Commented [ML4]:** The ICF must explain the amount of time and activities that are to be performed during the study.

**Commented [ML5]:** ICF must explain compensation. If there is none, it must state that.

**Commented [ML6]:** ICF must discuss risk. If there is no risk, you state that. If there is risk you must discuss why and what the risk involves and give the participants contact information for services that can be utilized if harm occurs after participation.

**Commented [ML7]:** ICF must state if the research is confidential or anonymous.

**Commented [ML8]:** ICF must state where the data will be stored. Federal guidelines require data to be stored behind two sets of lock and key (one can be a password protected computer or a locked cabinet).

**Commented [ML9]:** Researchers must provide contact information to the participants so that they may inquire about the study after it is complete. Email and phone should be given in case the participant does not have access to one. If a student is conducting the research, his/her name can be on the ICF, but the faculty sponsor should also provide information.

**Commented [ML10]:** Participants must sign one copy and be given one to take with them so that they have all information after they leave.

**Commented [ML11]:** Upon IRB approval, the ICF will be stamped with the approval end date (one year after IRB approval was granted). The researcher will copy the stamped ICF and use that copy for research purposes. At the end of the year, a renewal must be filed if data collection is not complete.