

University of California, Davis

Information Sheet and Consent Form for Teachers

Interactive Gaming, Theater, and Education with *Play the Knave: A Digital Shakespeare Game*

Who we are

Hello, I am Gina Bloom. I am a professor of English from the University of California, Davis.

What we are doing

We are conducting research on how *Play the Knave* can help learners enjoy and understand Shakespeare.

Your participation

We are interested in your input on *Play the Knave's* potential as an educational resource. If you agree to participate in our research study, we will contact you after you use the game in your classroom and ask you to fill out a survey online about how the game impacted your learners. The survey will take 10-20 minutes to complete. We may also or instead contact you to speak with you about your experience using the game in your classroom. Any such interview will take approximately 30 minutes and can be conducted by phone, video-conferencing, or in person, if this is practical. In addition, we may ask you to provide samples of work learners in your classroom produce in connection with *Play the Knave* activities.

Your participation in our research is completely voluntary. The choice of whether to participate or not is yours alone. If you choose not to participate, you will not be affected in any way whatsoever. If you agree to participate, you may skip any survey or interview questions you do not wish to answer. You may also stop participating at any time by ceasing the survey and/or the interview. You also have discretion to withhold the work of learners if you do not wish to share it with us. Should you decide not to continue participating in our research in any of these ways, there will be no penalties and you will not be prejudiced in any way.

Confidentiality

All identifying information will be kept confidential to the extent possibly by law. Your answers will be stored electronically in a secure environment and used for research or academic purposes now or at a later date in ways that will not reveal who you are. All future users of the stored data are required to apply for further Research Ethics Committee review and approval for secondary use of the stored data. The records from your participation may be reviewed by people responsible for making sure that research is done properly, including members of the ethics committee at the Human Sciences Research Council. (All of these people are required to keep your identity confidential.) Otherwise, records that identify you will be available only to people working on the study, unless you give permission for other people to see the records. Your answers will be linked to a fictitious code number or a pseudonym (another name) and we will refer to you in this way in the data, any publication, report or other research output.

In the case of interviews, we ask for permission to audio-record the interview so that we can accurately record what is said.

Risks/discomforts

At the present time, we do not see any risk of harm from your participation. The risks associated with participation in this study are no greater than those encountered in daily life.

Benefits

There are no immediate benefits to you from participating in this study. However, by participating in the study, you are helping us gather valuable information about how *Play the Knave* can benefit teachers and learners in the future.

If you would like to see the outcome of our study, please visit the website for *Play the Knave* (<http://www.playtheknave.org/research>) and check for updates to the list of publications. You may also give us your e-mail address to receive updates via e-mail.

Who to contact if you have been harmed or have any concerns

This research has been approved by the HSRC Research Ethics Committee (REC). If you have any complaints about ethical aspects of the research or feel that you have been harmed in any way by participating in this study, please call the HSRC’s toll-free ethics hotline 0800 212 123 (when phoned from a landline from within South Africa) or contact the Human Sciences Research Council REC Administrator, on Tel 012 302 2012 or e-mail research.ethics@hsrc.ac.za .

If you have concerns or questions about the research you may contact the project director Gina Bloom at gbloom@ucdavis.edu.

CONSENT

I hereby agree to participate in research on *Play the Knave*. I understand that I am participating freely and without being forced in any way to do so. I also understand that I can stop participating at any point should I not want to continue and that this decision will not in any way affect me negatively. I understand that this is a research project whose purpose is not necessarily to benefit me personally in the immediate or short term. I understand that my participation will remain confidential.

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Signature of participant

Date:.....

CONSENT FOR AUDIO RECORDING

I hereby agree to the audio-recording of my participation in the study.

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Signature of participant

Date:.....

I understand that the information that I provide will be stored electronically and will be used for research purposes now or at a later stage.

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Signature of participant

Date:.....