In this project, we will be starting the process of writing a program that allows the user to play the card game Blackjack. In the first part of the project, EACH PERSON will write the foundational classes of Card, Deck and Shoe (described in detail below). In the second part of the project, you will be working in teams to design, code and test the remaining classes (Hand, Dealer, Player, and Game).

If you aren't familiar with cards in general or do not know how to play the game of Blackjack, don't worry! We will provide help along the way as well as a complete set of the rules of the game as we will be playing it (as with most card games, there are *many* variations on Blackjack, so we will be clarifying the rules we will be using).

IMPORTANT: This set of programs will be different than those we have done this year. *YOU are responsible for deciding what to test and how*. You will not be given testers to use. Instead, you will need to write your own main methods that use and test the classes you create. When you turn in your files, they will be run through a group of testers that the instructors have written. If all of the tests do not pass, your score on the assignment WILL BE affected. **Projects will be graded on the first submission.** If you choose to correct/update your code based on comments from your instructor, your score on the project will not change. SO, TEST YOUR CODE COMPLETELY AND THOROUGHLY BEFORE YOU TURN IT IN. You want it to pass first time out.

Here is what you need to create and turn in. All files are to be submitted in a single ZIP file. All given class names, method names and variable names MUST be used and CASE MATTERS (look for items in courier font to see names you must use). Failure to use the required names means your program WILL FAIL the tester.

Card.java and CardTester.java

A Card is the fundamental unit of play for all card games and is used directly and indirectly by every other class in such applications. As such, it is arguably the most important piece of code in this project, and it should be very flexible (so that we don't have to rewrite the Card class every time we want to create a different card game).

- A Card has three fundamental traits:
 - o a rank (String which indicates the card value. Possible values are: Ace, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Jack, Queen, King)
 - o a suit (String indicating one of four suits in a standard deck of cards. The suits are: Hearts, Diamonds, Spades, Clubs)
 - o a value (integer, the value assigned to a card can vary between card games. For our purposes, Aces will have an initial value of 11, face cards (Jacks, Queens and Kings) will have a value of 10 and all other cards have a value that matches its rank (i.e. a Two of Hearts has a value of 2).
- The Card class has a constructor. The constructor should take TWO inputs: the Card rank and the Card suit. The value of the Card object should be determined and assigned by the constructor.

- Since Aces have special properties in the game of BlackJack, we need a couple of special methods to deal with them.
 - o isAce takes no inputs, returns a boolean value that indicates whether a particular Card is an Ace (true means the Card is an Ace)
 - o setAceValue (boolean setToOne) Although Aces start with a value of 11, they can switch to a value of 1 in some cases. This method should start by ensuring the Card is actually an Ace. If it is not an Ace, the method simply exits. For Aces, the method checks the input, setToOne. If setToOne is true, the value of the Card should be set to 1. The Card value should be set to 11 otherwise.
- Finally, we should have getters for the suit (getSuit()), rank (getRank()) and value (getValue()) of a Card and a toString() the prints the Card details like this: "Ace of Hearts"

You should write the Card class alongside a thorough runner that tests every method of the class to ensure it works well.

<u>Deck.java and DeckTester.java</u>

A Deck contains a group of Cards. The standard Deck consists of 52 Cards. There are thirteen Cards (Ace, 2, 3, ...,9, 10, J, Q, K) in each of the 4 suits.

- We will use an ArrayList to implement our Deck.
- The Deck class has a constructor. Creating a Deck should result in the creation of one and only one of each possible Card (52 total). You will need to consider how to code this constructor to ensure all necessary Cards get created (and not duplicated). As Cards are created, they should be added to our ArrayList. DO NOT SHUFFLE the Deck in the constructor. Hint: a thoughtful use of some helper arrays here can avoid a nightmare of if statements or worse...
- Other objects will be making use of our Deck, so a method getDeck() will be needed. This method returns a reference to the ArrayList of Cards contained in the Deck.
- Finally, we need to be able to shuffle our Deck. Write a method named shuffleDeck() that accomplishes this task. The method should loop through the ArrayList and for each Card, swap the Card in the current position with another Card found at another randomly determined location in the list.
- Although not required for the program, a toString() method that prints the value of each Card in your Deck can be helpful for testing purposes

You should write the Deck class alongside a thorough runner that tests every method of the class to ensure it works well.

Shoe.java and ShoeTester.java

Originally, Blackjack was played with a single deck of cards. But savvy card players soon learned they could win more often by "counting cards." These players would keep track of which cards had been played already, and, as a result, they were able to make more accurate guesses about what cards they might be dealt in later hands. This is a huge advantage to the player. To counteract this, most blackjack games today use a "shoe". A shoe is a device that holds multiple decks of cards.

- Like a Deck, a Shoe should be implemented as an ArrayList of Card objects.
- The Shoe constructor should take a single integer input that indicates how many Decks of Cards should be placed in the Shoe. The constructor should create the appropriate number of Decks and add the Cards from each to the Shoe's ArrayList of Cards. DO NOT SHUFFLE the Shoe in the constructor.
- The dealer uses the Shoe to distribute Cards to the players, so the Shoe will need a dealCard() method that removes the first Card from the Shoe's Arraylist and returns it.
- Like the Deck method, we need a way to mix the Cards in the Shoe. Using your shuffleDeck() method from the Deck class as a model, create a similar method named shuffleShoe() that shuffles all of the Cards in the Shoe.
- Even with a Shoe that holds multiple Decks, we will run out of cards eventually and need to start over with a new Shoe. To help us track that situation, we'll create a method getNumCardsInShoe(). This method takes no inputs and simply returns an integer indicating how many Cards remain in the Shoe.

You should write the Shoe class alongside a thorough runner that tests every method of the class to ensure it works well.