*Origin of rock paper scissors*

*How to play!*

*In essence, paper covers rock (win!), rock crushes scissors (win!), and scissors cut paper (win!).*

*History of rock paper and scissors*

* ***Japan****– There are stories of a similar game introduced in Japan that pre-date the birth of Christ called*jjanken*. This game is mentioned in a booktitled*Wazazu*by Xie Zhaozhi in 1600. In this text, the game is referred to as “shoushiling” and would develop into the game jen-ken that is popular in Japan to this day. There are also variations of the Japanese game such as the flat outlaid hand representing cloth as opposed to paper.*
* ***French Commander****– Other origins credit Jean Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur Comte de Rochambeau in the 1700’s with creating the alternative name for Rock-Paper-Scissors as Roshambo or Rochambeau. Though the game carries his namesake, it is thought that he had very little do with the creation or naming of the game.*
* *Scandinavians – Some believe that the game was created by Scandinavian peoples who in turn spread it across Europe. However, evidence to support this theory is sorely lacking and leaves much too much to the imagination.*
* ***East Africa****– Other more lighthearted theories include one that credits an East African culture over 6.3 million years ago with starting the game Rock Rock Rock. Then, through evolution, the game progressed to include modern tools as they became available.*
* ***Celtic****– Perhaps the most credible information regarding the history of Rock-Paper-Scissors was research that suggested that Celtic peoples who inhabited present day Portugal and Spain created the game in 600 B.C. The research also suggests that a Roman invasion 700 years later spread the games reach further across Europe. That being said, it is also suggested this research could be skewed by a very similar hand game turned decision-maker called*morra