## SAMPLE

(Note: remove comments in bold italics when you design your own consent form)

**Consent Form For Participation in the Study Entitled:**

**“Designing and Evaluating a Drawing Tool Interface”**

***(Statement about the purpose of the study in layperson’s terms, so that the subjects/participants understand what they are consenting to do; cost of participation; and identification of the disposition of the results):***

You are being invited to participate in a study entitled **[TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL EXPERIMENT]** that is being conducted by **[INVESTIGATORS NAMES]**, and you may contact [**INVESTIGATORS**] if you have further questions by [**EMAIL OR PHONE**].

The purpose of this research project is to design and evaluate the user interface of a simple drawing tool. You will be interviewed about your previous use of drawing tools.

You will be asked to answer a series of questions about your experience with computer drawing tools, the tasks you use them for, the features you like, and new features you would like to have. You will also be asked for some demographic information (age, occupation, etc.). Your participation should require about 15 minutes of your time. The results will be reported in a project report for SENG 310 in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Victoria.

***(Statement about the voluntary nature of participation and the participant’s right to withdraw):***

Your participation is completely voluntary and you can withdraw from the study at any time, without explanation. You have the right to refuse to answer any questions you do not wish to answer.

***(Statement about means of maintaining confidentiality and anonymity):***

Any data collected in the study will remain confidential; interview results and questionnaires will be kept in a locked filing cabinet in a locked office. Only the principal

and co-investigators (John Doe and Jane Doe) will have access to the data. Your name will not be attached to any published results, and your anonymity will be protected by using code numbers to identify results obtained from individual subjects.

***(Statement about taping and mechanism of disposing of tapes, if applicable (audiotaping or videotaping is not required for the SENG 310 class project)):***

Your interview will be audiotaped (videotaped) and the tape will be erased immediately after your responses are coded in written form.

***(Statement about the effect of participation/nonparticipation on employment/academic status or receipt of services):***

Whether you participate or choose not to participate will have no bearing on your grade/employment status/academic standing/job/services received.

**Signature of participant: Researcher:**

**Date: Phone:**

***A copy of this consent will be left with you, and a copy will be taken by the researcher.***