

Below is the introduction the author used at the beginning of the evaluations. The parts between brackets in italic are to highlight what mandatory section of the script that part of the introduction corresponded to, as per University guidelines.

Introductory Script

"Thanks for making the time to help me with the evaluation. The general aim of what I'm trying to do is to see whether the game that you're going to play develops certain historical skills *[state the general aim of the experiment]*. I'm going to send you a link to the link to a website, which is the game that you're going to play and then you're you're going to play through that and, at the end I'm going to ask you some some questions essentially about that *[describe what will happen in the experiment]*. The reason I've asked you for your help is because I need to check whether the game does in fact develop its research objectives on people who have not taken history at university level *[explain why you need the involvement of other people]*. The meeting is being recorded and the transcript will end up in the appendix of my dissertation, and if there's any particularly good quotes those might end up in the main body of my dissertation on. The anonymised transcript is the only data that I am connecting and sharing *[describe what data will be collected]*. When you play the game on you can ask me questions, this isn't a think aloud, although I would be interested in seeing how you how you interact with it. But it isn't, as I said, a think aloud, so you can you can ask me questions as you play *[explain what interaction the participant may have with you during the experiment]*. Of course, this isn't a test of your own ability, I'm evaluating what the the system that I've designed will meet certain certain objectives, so you know if you get stuck or you have difficulty, it's the system, it's not you *[reassure the participant that this is not a test of ability]*. Of course you can leave at any point in time, for any reason, just drop out no worries no questions asked *[state that the participant may withdraw at anytime]*. This will take 30 to 40 minutes. If that's all good with you then we can get started? *[seek explicit consent]*. Do you have any questions for me at this stage? *[allow the participant to ask questions]*"