**SAMPLE Parental Permission Form (8th-9th grade reading level)**

**UL Lafayette IRB approval number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Dear parent or legal guardian:

We are requesting that you allow your child to be invited to participate in a research study about the ease of reading materials used in research for young people in the State of Louisiana. Our names are Dr. Researcher Alpha and Ms. Student Beta. We are researchers from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in Lafayette. Your child’s name was drawn at random by a representative of your child’s school. If you agree to allow your child to participate, we will ask your child if he or she would like to participate in the research study and ask him or her to sign a form for participation. Your child is not required to participate, even if you agree to allow him or her to participate.

We will ask your child to fill out surveys on two different days, one month apart during class time. The surveys will take about 30 minutes to complete. Children not taking the surveys will participate in a PE activity. Your child will not lose class points.

The forms will be numbered on each page so that all the parts of the survey form can be kept together. Your child’s name will appear only on the front page and after completing the form the second time, that page will be given to the child to keep or destroy as he or she sees fit. Your child will be told not to write his or her name anywhere on the survey forms.

The only risk to your child is that he or she will spend time answering the surveys on two occasions and may become bored or tired of doing it.

 There is no real benefit to your child. The benefit is in helping the researchers make research easier for children in Louisiana in the future.

The researchers plan to publish the results of the research in professional journals, and no individual names will be used. The results will only be presented for the group. The surveys will be locked in a filing cabinet in the researcher’s office until the results without names have been entered into the computer. Then the surveys will be destroyed by shredding.

Your child’s participation in this research is voluntary and he or she may refuse to participate, answer any question, or discontinue his or her participation at any time during the study without bias or any loss of benefits at school, the university or from the researchers.

If you have any questions about this research or wish to speak with the researchers, please do not hesitate to Dr Alpha at 482-1234 / dr.alpha@louisiana.edu or Ms. Beta at 482-3456 / ms.beta@louisiana.edu.

If you have questions about your child’s rights as a participant, please contact the Chair of UL Lafayette Institutional Review Board (IRB) at irb@louisiana.edu or 337-482-5811. The primary purpose of the UL Lafayette IRB is to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research activities being conducted at UL Lafayette.

PERMISSION:

I understand that my child’s name has been drawn at random from his or her school to participate in a research study. He or she may fill out survey forms two times one month apart. I also understand that my child is participating voluntarily and may refuse to participate and may withdraw at any time during the study. I agree to allow the researchers to invite my child to participate in the study.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My relationship to the child is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have the legal right to consent for my child to participate in research.