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You are invited to participate in a study exploring personality traits and their connection to creativity. In conducting this study, we hope to determine which characteristics are more dominant in creative individuals. Your decision to participate in this study is completely voluntary.

If you decide to participate, you can expect the following: you will complete a series of surveys online to determine which personality traits you possess. Your total time to participate in this research will be approximately 45 minutes.

Participation in this research poses no risk to participants. Your compensation for participation will be extra credit through Stockton's Psychology Research Laboratory. Please be aware that any information that is obtained in conjunction with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will not be disclosed at any time except with your permission.

Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your future relations with Stockton University. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. If you have any additional questions after completing the experiment, please contact the principal investigator, who will be happy to answer any of them. The name of the principal investigator on this project is XXXXX. She can be reached by calling (609) 626-XXX or emailing XXXX@stockton.edu.

By marking the appropriate circle, you are indicating that you have read the information provided above and have decided to participate. You may withdraw at any time without prejudice should you choose to discontinue participation in this study.

Yes, I would like to participate.  No, I would not like to participate.

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Commented [ML2]: The ICF should give a little description about the research. If the researcher is concerned about biasing the results, the information here can be limited as long as there is a separate debriefing form given to the participant at the end of the study.

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Commented [ML6]: ICF must discuss risk. If there is no risk, you state that. If there is risk you must discuss why and what the risk involves and give the participants contact information for services that can be utilized if harm occurs after participation.

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Commented [ML8]: ICF must state if the research is confidential or anonymous.

Commented [ML9]: ICF must state where the data will be stored. Federal guidelines require data to be stored behind two sets of lock and key (one can be a password protected computer or a locked cabinet).

Commented [ML10]: Researchers must provide contact information to the participants so that they may inquire about the study after it is complete. Email and phone should be given in case the participant does not have access to one. If a student is conducting the research, his/her name can be on the ICF, but the faculty sponsor should also provide information.

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Commented [ML12]: In certain situations, such as studies where the researcher would like to maintain complete anonymity, participants do not need to sign a consent form. Participants can be given the ICF with all the information and check a box on the survey indicating their consent. That way, the research is truly anonymous but participants have been informed and have consented.