**Unit 4 Assignment**

**Part 1: The Scientific Method**

1. What is a psychology topic you would be interested in researching?
2. What are the steps of the scientific method?
3. Why is the scientific method important to follow?
4. How could you study your topic following the steps of the scientific method?

**Part 2: The American Psychological Association Code of Ethics**

1. What are the five general ethical principles of the American Psychological Association?
2. Why are these principles important?
3. How could you study your topic in a way that adheres to these ethical principles?

**Part 3: Informed Consent**

Thinking of what information participants would need to know, use the template on the pages below to create an informed consent for a study of your topic. This is not an actual study you will conduct and you do not need to have anyone sign the consent form.

**INFORMED CONSENT FORM**

Title of Study:

Name of Study Investigator:

You are being asked to participate in a study on:

The purpose of this study is:

If you agree to be part of the research study, you will be asked to:

Possible risk or discomfort associated with this study is:

Possible benefit from this study is:

What will happen to the information collected in the study (address confidentiality)?

If you have questions during the course of the study:

If you change your mind about being in the study:

By signing this document, you are agreeing to be in the study. You will be given a copy of this document for your records and one copy will be kept with the study records. Be sure that questions you have about the study have been answered and that you understand what you are being asked to do.

*I agree to participate in the study.*

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