

A Short Treatise
on the
Role-Playing Game
of
WHIST

When a player attempts some action, and another player opposes that action, you have a conflict. When a conflict happens, the objecting player plays a card from their hand.

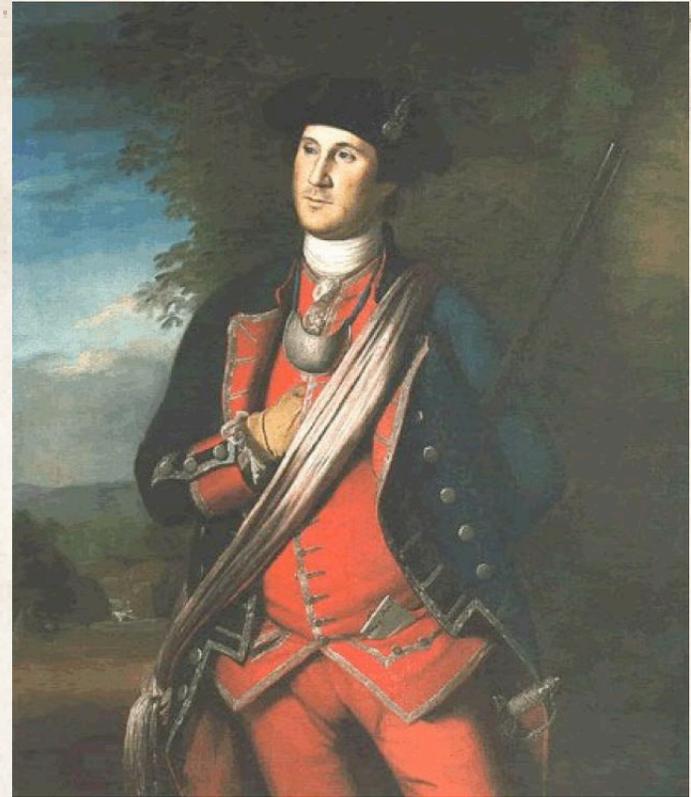
Then the other player in the conflict has three options:

1) Follow Suit by playing a card of the same suit as the first card played, but of higher value. (Thereon, the other player must follow suit, trump or forfeit.)

2) Play Trump by activating their Ability. To do this, they need to explain how their ability aids them in some way. Then they play any card from their hand; the suit of that card becomes the Trump suit for the conflict. The opponent must either play a higher card of the same suit or forfeit the conflict. Further plays for this conflict must be of that same suit.

3) Forfeit and fail at their task.

Each card played must be of the leading suit or (once trump is played) of the trump suit, and each card played must be of higher value than previous cards. (**Aces are High.**)



*Lieutenant Colonel
George
Washington*

Back-Ground

You are a 23-year old colonel of militia and a wealthy Virginia planter. Last year, you were sent as a diplomatic envoy to meet with the French commander, but your peaceful entreaty went unheeded. Your diaries of that journey were widely reprinted, and have made you quite famous. On that trip, you met and fell in love with the French commander's wife, *Marie-Amable de Villiers*. Now you have been sent back to the Ohio River region to take command of the militia after *Major Trent's* disastrous performance.

How will you protect the woman that you love, dislodge the French, and prevent war?

Motive: Expel the French Menace.

You must dislodge the French from *Fort Duquesne* by any means necessary. This land is Britain's by right of treaty, and the French predations cannot be tolerated.

Key: Love of Marie-Amable de Villiers.

You have a deep love for *Marie-Amable*. Hit your key when you show her affection or whenever you make a decision that is influenced by her.

Ability: Survive Anything.

You are either incredibly tough or incredibly lucky, or both. Once during the course of the game, you can declare trump in any conflict where your own survival is at stake.

Languages: English

Dramatis Personae

Marie-Amable de Villiers is a beautiful young French-woman, trapped in a loveless marriage to the French commander, *Captain Louis Coulon de Villiers*. You met Marie-Amable on your diplomatic mission last year, and are deeply in love with her.

Major William Trent was the commander of *Fort Prince George* until he surrendered that fort to the French and it was rebuilt as *Fort Duquesne*. Trent is a disgrace to the British military.

Half-King Tanacharison leads the Iroquois, and helped you last year. He hates the French for killing and cannibalizing his father before his very eyes. The Iroquois are your only allies among the natives and you are an adopted member of the tribe. But being their ally makes finding other native allies difficult: the Delaware and Shawnee seem to hate the Iroquois.

"French Margaret" Montour is a half-Iroquois half-French translator and guide. She has sworn to help you in exploring the Ohio territory. She has served you well thus far, though *Half-King* does not seem to trust her for some reason.

Shingas the Terrible is the war leader for the Delaware tribe. The Delaware are still neutral regarding the British and the French. Though you want to get the Delawares as allies, Shingas will be hard to deal with. He has a reputation of being a crude and violent savage.

Ignatius Jones is one of your undisciplined troops at the fort. Jones deserted his post to have romantic relations with a native woman named *Raspberry Girl*. Now he is in the brig awaiting court martial, but you're thinking that you might need every hand available for the oncoming conflict with the French. Should you be lenient on the lad, or does he deserve the full force of British Justice? What would the Delaware think if you executed one of their adopted members?