

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.**)



Shingas
the
Terrible

Back-Ground

You are the 31 year old Delaware war leader. The Delaware have recently rebelled against the tyranny of the Iroquois Confederation, and are trying to navigate their own path between the Iroquois, the British and the French. Though you hate the British very much, the Delaware people would prefer to stay neutral in the conflict between Britain and France. How can you harm the British without any blame falling upon the Delaware?

You have a deep secret love for "*French Margaret*" *Montour*, though you haven't acted on that love yet. Even if she didn't work for the British commander, she seems more interested in integrating herself into the culture of the Europeans than marrying a "savage" native like yourself. How can you convince her to be your bride?

Motive: Cowardly Warrior.

You pillage, raid and terrorize the frontier. But despite your dreadful reputation, fighting secretly terrifies you. You avoid violence whenever necessary, or you make sure that overwhelming force wins the combat before it starts. Try to avoid conflict if at all possible.

Key: Hidden Longing for "French Margaret"

You adore "*French Margaret*" *Montours*, but she has no idea. Hit your key when you make a decision based on this secret affection, or when you somehow show it indirectly.

Ability: Silent Path of the Lenape.

Once during the game, you can declare trump on a conflict where you use your ability to move silently or evade notice to help.

Languages: Shawnee, French

Dramatis Personae

Lt. Col. George Washington is the leader of the British troops. You hate the British and therefore hate Washington. But *French Margaret* admires the man and is sworn to his service. Does he deserve a second chance?

"*French Margaret*" *Montour* is a half-Iroquois half-French translator and guide that aids *Washington*. You love her, though you don't think she would want you as a husband. She has sworn to service to George Washington. Does she love him? If you eliminate Washington as a romantic rival, would she then be yours?

Half-King Tanacharison speaks for the Iroquois. He is the one who declared you "King" of the Delawares, though that title has no meaning for your people. He is no doubt trying to assert control over the Delaware, possibly by lying to the British. If he gets what he wants, your tribe will once again be oppressed by the evil Iroquois. Not to be trusted.

Raspberry Girl is a Delaware woman who married a British deserter named *Ignatius Jones*. You officiated their wedding ceremony, so it is unlikely to be recognized by the British or the French. Jones was recently captured by the British troops, who will execute him for desertion. You can't let them keep one of your adopted people captive. You need to get him back to Raspberry Girl one way or the other.

Joseph Coulon de Jumonville is a French diplomat who is going to the British to try to convince them to leave the region. Though you don't trust the French much, you agreed to guide his expedition in the hopes that they can convince the hated British to leave.