

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.

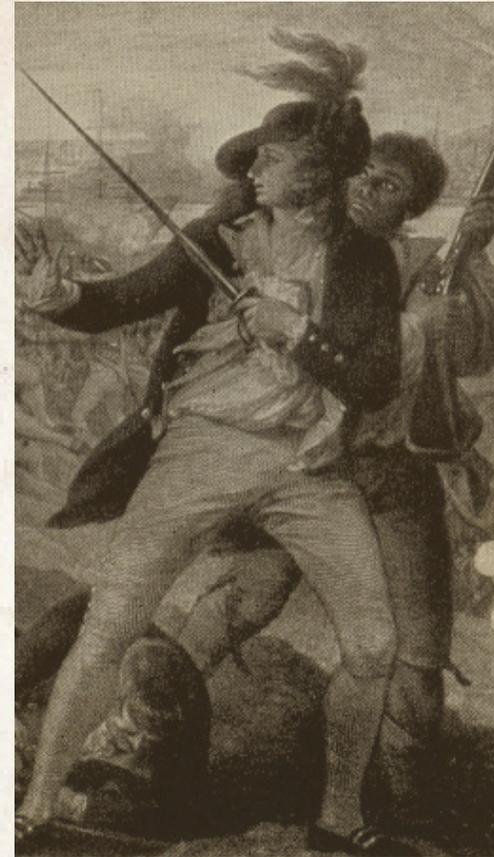
Then the other player in the conflict has three options:

**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.*)



Ensign  
Joseph Coulon  
de Jumonville

## Back-Ground

You are a 39 year old scout and messenger, born and raised in New France. Your brother, **Captain Louis Coulon de Villiers**, commands the French forces in the Ohio territory. Though they outnumber the British, your brother received orders not to attack unless the British initiate the fighting themselves. He has therefore sent you to **Fort Necessity** on a diplomatic mission. Supposedly, you are here to lay out the French claim to the region (it was mapped by French explorer La Sol a century before any Englishmen set foot here) and ask the British to leave. In reality, your mission is to anger the British leader, **George Washington**, enough that the British will fire the first shot. Then your troops can attack from their nearby ambush position.

How far will you go to secure your reputation?

*Motive: Provoke Washington and the British troops.*

Your army lies hiding in wait just over the hill at Deer Lake, waiting. All you need to do is keep your own hands clean of violence, but trick one of the British into starting something.

*Key: Anything to Become Famous*

You will make a name for yourself or die trying. Hit your key whenever you brag or when you do something unnecessary or foolish that will add to your reputation.

*Ability: Honed Reflexes.*

Once during the game, you can declare trump on a conflict where you use your grace, dexterity, or quick reflexes to help.

*Languages: French*

## Dramatis Personae

**Marie-Amable de Villiers** is a Louis's wife, but the marriage is purely a loveless one. She is accompanying you as an English interpreter. You should watch out for her safety in this mission: though you yourself may be in peril, it would never do for a French gentleman to endanger a lady's life.

**Lt. Col. George Washington** is the leader of the British troops. He has a reputation for having a bad temper, which you hope to use against him. You met him briefly last year, when Washington acted as the British diplomatic envoy to your brother **Louis de Villiers**, captain of the local French forces. You didn't like Washington any then and your brother later called him a "naive young farmer on a fool's errand".

**Half-King Tanacharison** leads the Iroquois, and helped Washington last year. He hates the French for killing his father, but the story he tells about French soldiers cannibalizing his father is obviously a lie. He just tells the savages that story to drum up support in resisitng French dominion.

**"French Margaret" Montour** is your half-Seneca half-sister. She is sworn to be loyal to Washington, but you hope she retains some family loyalty as well. Perhaps you can get her to help you in some way. What of Washington's secrets does she know?

**Shingas the Terrible** is war leader for the Delaware. Though the Delaware are nominally neutral in the conflict between Britain and France, Shingas helped guide your expedition to **Fort Necessity**. If you can convince the Delaware to ally with the French side, it would bring you much honor and respect.

**Daniel Hyacinthe de Beaujeu** is a French soldier with too much ambition and too much love for the local savage tribes.