

Following are two sample assent forms. They are included as guides to you in construction of a child's assent to be used in your project. Fill in the appropriate information and adjust to the specifics of your research.

NOTE:

*Do not include a statement to the effect that "your parent has agreed to allow you to take part in the study". This implies the possibility of parental pressure for the child's participation. Instead use "your parent is aware of this project".

*Make sure you use age appropriate language. For example, do not use the same language for a third grade student as you would a graduate student.

Sample Minor Assent Document #1

Your parent knows we are going to ask you to **participate in this project/ fill out this survey**. We want to know about kids' **attitudes/experiences about topic of research**. It will take **amount of time** to complete the task. Your name will not be written anywhere on the **research instrument**. No one will know these answers came from you personally.

If you don't want to participate, you can stop at any time. There will be no bad feelings if you don't want to do this. You can ask questions if you do not understand any part of the **study**.

Do you understand? Is this OK?

Name (Please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Investigator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sample Minor Assent Document #2

Project Title:

Investigator:

We are doing a research study about **purpose in simple language**. A research study is a way to learn more about people. If you decide that you want to be part of this study, you will be asked to **description, including time involved**.

There are some things about this study you should know. There are ***procedures, things that take a long time, other risks, discomforts, etc.***

Not everyone who takes part in this study will benefit. A benefit means that something good happens to you. We think these benefits might be ***description.***

If you do not want to be in this research study, we will tell you what other kinds of treatments there are for you. ***This statement applies to research projects that offer treatment or intervention.***

When we are finished with this study we will write a report about what was learned. This report will not include your name or that you were in the study.

You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to be. If you decide to stop after we begin, that's okay too.

If you decide you want to be in this study, please sign your name.

I, _____, want to be in this research study.
(print your name here)

_____ Date: _____
(Sign your name here)

Parts in Italics should be modified for your specific-project. Other parts may need to be modified as well depending on your research methods.
