San Talapian Studies

_San Talapian Studies_ is a casual procedural item generation game developed by Emily Short that can be played by a large number of people with different time constraints. Players interact by combining words or phrases to describe a catalog of lost artifacts.

**Call For Papers in San Talapian Studies**

The verdant duchy of San Tilapia once bordered Ruritania in eastern Europe, but it has long since been annexed to larger nations. For some decades after its annexation, the evidence of its culture was housed in the People’s Museum of Tilapian Decadence, but in time even the museum was razed. The diagrams of its hereditary folk dances, burned. The duchess’ wedding porcelain, smashed.

Scholars in San Tilapian Studies must now make do with fragmentary attestations in letters, diaries, and newspaper reports describing the items that the museum once contained. But all is not lost! You’re a disciplined and exacting young scholar with tenure to earn. It’s time to piece together the museum’s collection.

**How to Play**

Collect your evidence by taking the top slip from the evidence pile. On it are two stickers:

- Blue text indicates a quality, such as “very large.”
- Black text indicates an object, such as “a loaf of bread.”
- Green text indicates an effect, such as “that ended the war.”

Now compare notes with the other scholars in the room to piece together the description of an object from the ruined Museum of Tilapian Decadence. An object consists of one blue, one black, and one green sticker. You may need to collaborate with many other scholars before finding an object that resonates with you.

Once you and your team of scholars are sure you have discovered a valuable relic, take a blank page from the catalog and apply your three stickers at the top. You will also need to provide a sketch of the item and an appropriate description. You _may not_ fill in the footnotes section of your catalog page, but you are encouraged to add footnotes to the other pages of the catalog that reference your item.

This game is designed to be played throughout the game session, whenever you have a free moment to spare. Take some time to get to know your fellow San Talapian scholars in the process!