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gful medium to connect with students and users in new ways. Libraries can increase both

WHY GAMING?

storytelling







Video games tell a story: they have thematic elements, narrative devices, plot, character development...

“An icy chill seemed to sweep through the room as I heard the inmates speaking among themselves. Not wanting to be seen, I crept silently close to the walls of the old asylum, being sure that my body was cloaked in shadow. The open doorway on my left was an opportunity to get out of sight. The room was empty, save some scattered papers and an old roll-top desk. Was that a reel of audio-tape on the desk? I picked up the tape and ran a finger across the dusty label:

***Arkham Asylum: Interview Tape 1:
Edward Nigma: aka: The Riddler“.***

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THE LEGEND OF
ZELDA
Twilight Princess

Wii Nintendo

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The Fantasy Genre

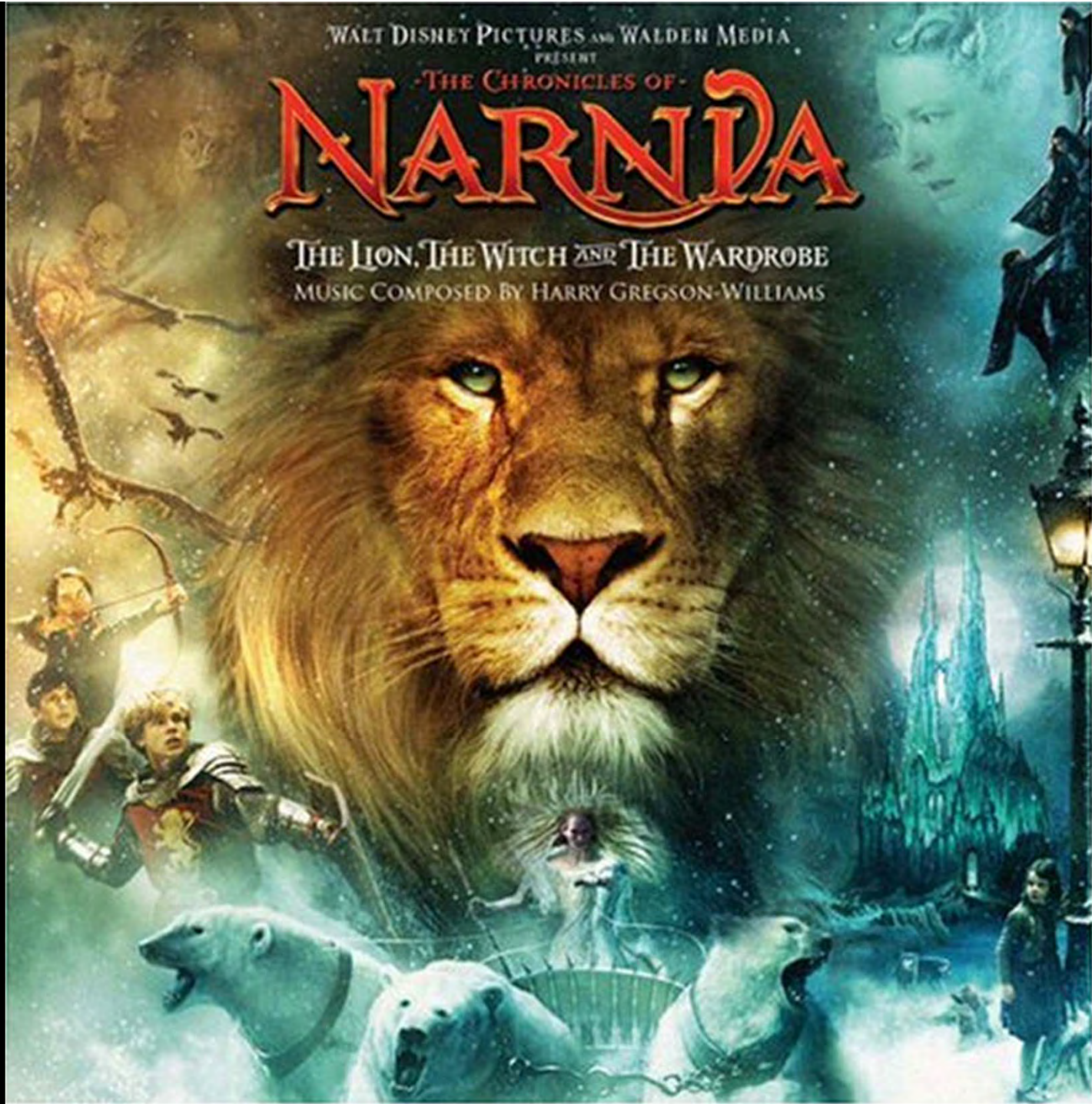


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PRESENT

THE CHRONICLES OF
NARNIA

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

MUSIC COMPOSED BY HARRY GREGSON-WILLIAMS



Wrath of God 2 



Sorcery X

Destroy all creatures.
They can't be regenerated.

Key Walker

Cancel 1 



Instant X

Counter target spell.

Mark Poole

Afflict 2 



Instant X

Target creature gets -1/-1 until end of turn.
Draw a card.

One rarely notices a heartbeat, save when it is stolen.

Roger Raupp

Mogg Fanatic 1 



Creature — Goblin X

Sacrifice Mogg Fanatic: Mogg Fanatic deals 1 damage to target creature or player.

"I got it! I got it! I—"

1/1

Steve Meyers

Root Maze 1 



Enchantment X

Artifacts and lands come into play tapped.

Pause for the briefest of moments to consider the whorl of brambles, the tangled twist of bark, and the maze has already won.

Richard Garfield

Icy Manipulator 4



Artifact X

1, ⚡: Tap target artifact, creature, or land.

In fire there is the spark of chaos and destruction, the seed of life. In ice there is perfect tranquility, perfect order, and the silence of death.

Phil Cavotta



CHANDRA

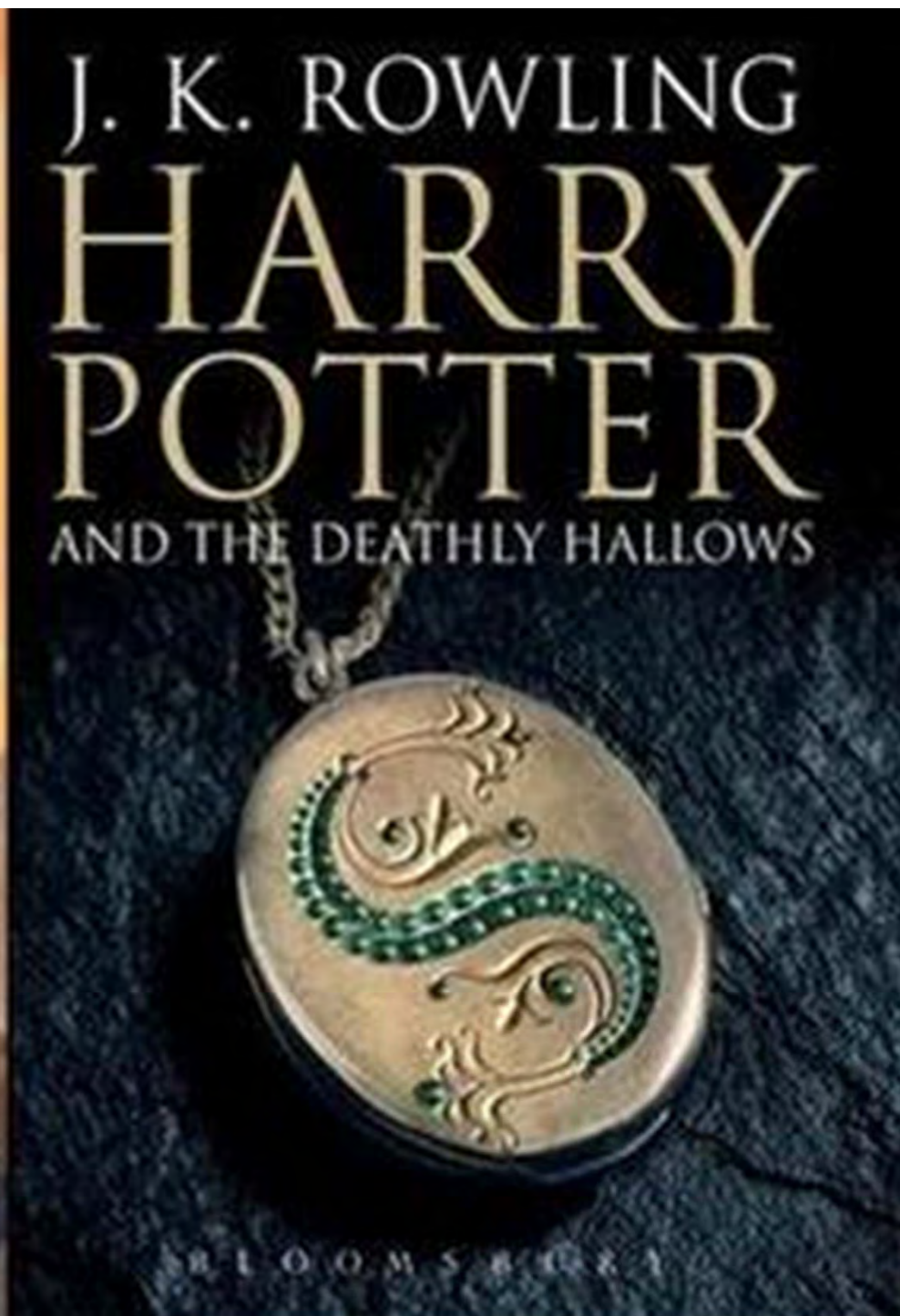
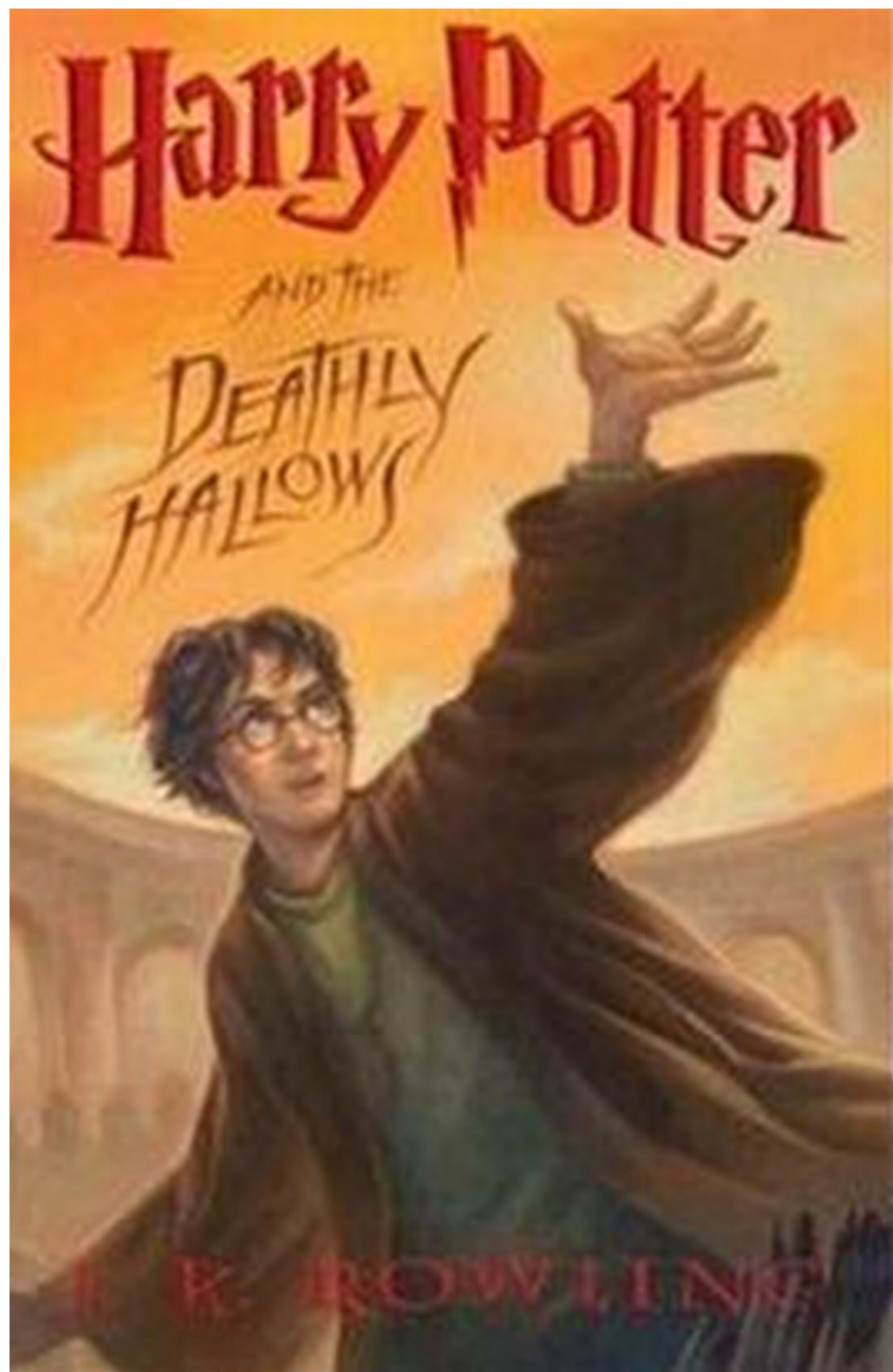
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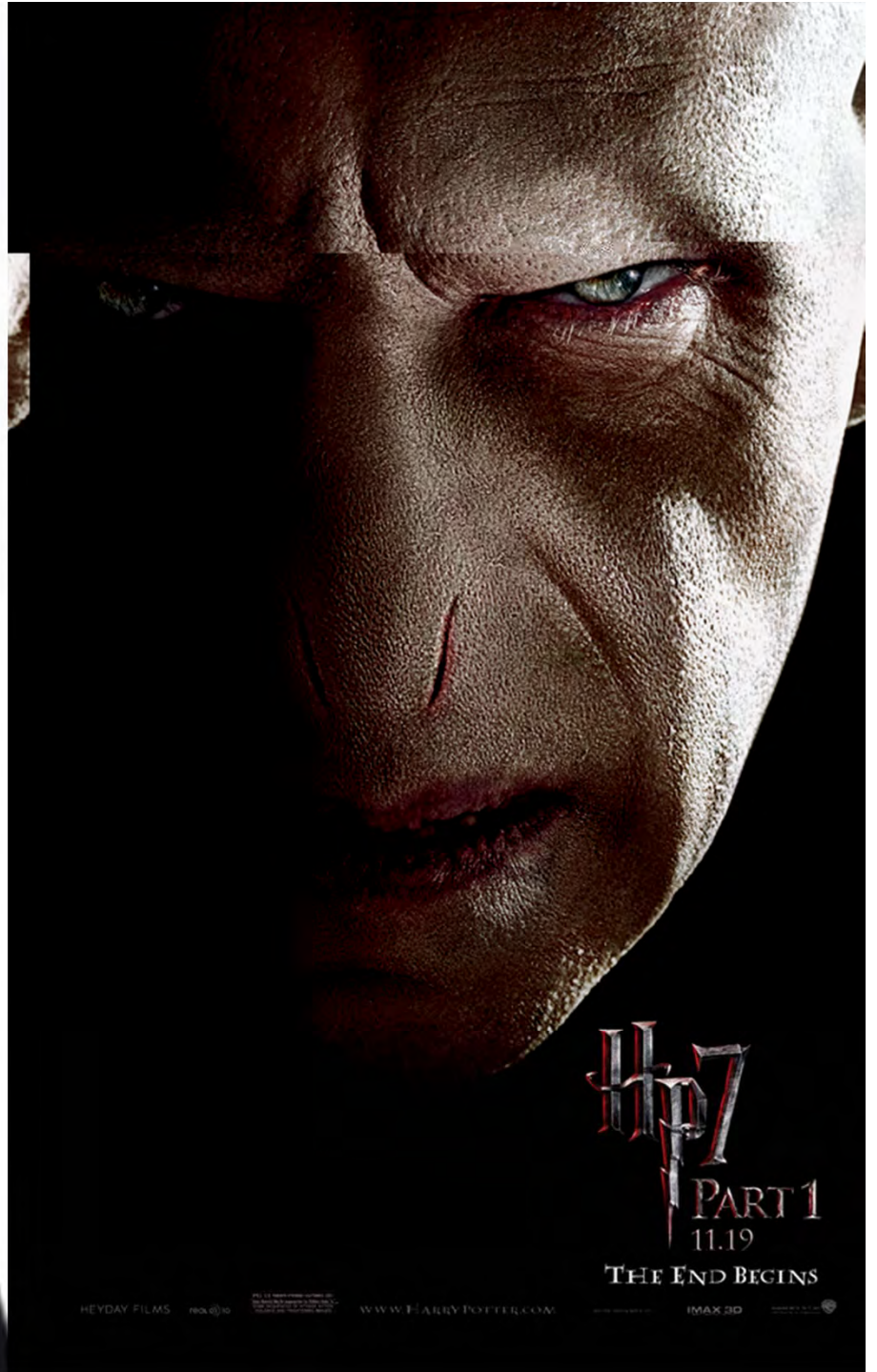
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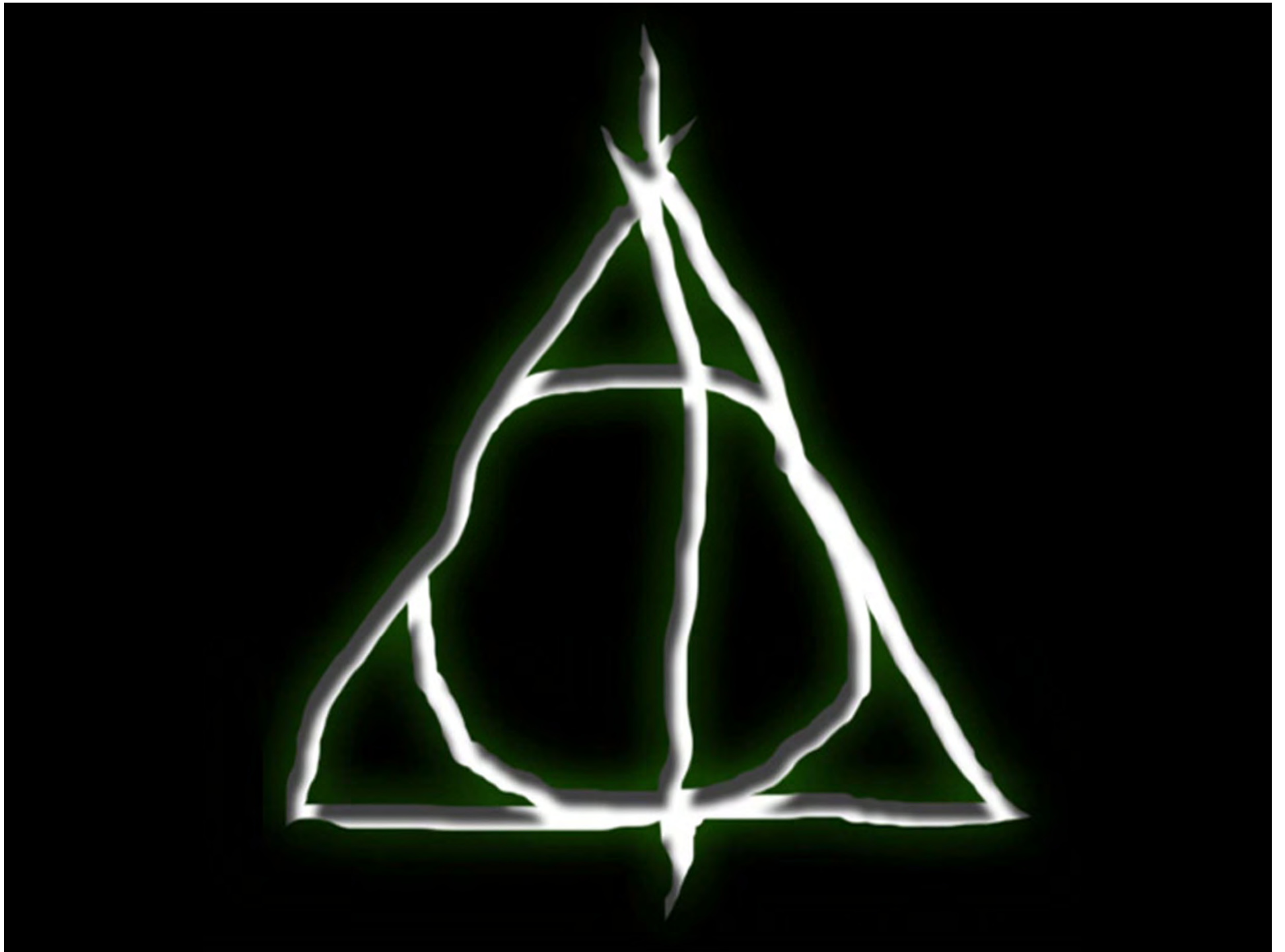
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PLANESWALKERS









The Pokédex was created by **Professor Oak** as an invaluable **tool** to a Trainer in the Pokémon world. It gives **information** about all Pokémon in the world that are contained in its **database**, although it differs in how it acquires and presents **information** over the different **media**.



The [first](#)-generation Pokédex



Ash's original Pokédex



The [second](#)-generation Pokédex



[Hoenn's](#) Pokédex



Kanto's Pokédex in [Generation III](#)



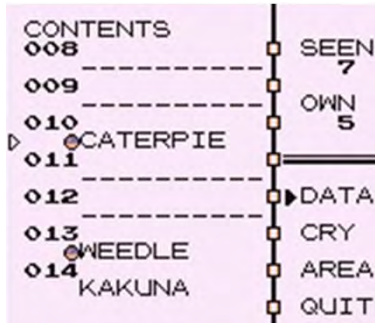
Sinnoh's Pokédex in [Pokémon Diamond and Pearl](#)



Sinnoh's Pokédex in [Pokémon Platinum](#)



[Ash's](#) Sinnoh Pokédex



INFORMATION data

Our students and library users use Pokémon in a recreational way.

**PLAY
GAME**

yet,

●Diploma●

Player RED

Congrats! This
diploma certifies
that you have
completed your
POKéDEX.



GAME BREAK

Now is the time to reconsider
the value of play.

Our students / library users are
CHOOSING to play games in which
goals are collecting and working with
information.



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Ongoing work

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From [Bulbanews](#):

- [November 7: New transitional TCG](#)



WHY are our students playing these highly sophisticated games, which in many cases are more cognitively “difficult” than their coursework?

They aren't “getting” anything out of it. They aren't making money or getting grades.

Overcoming a challenge,

and **mastering** it.

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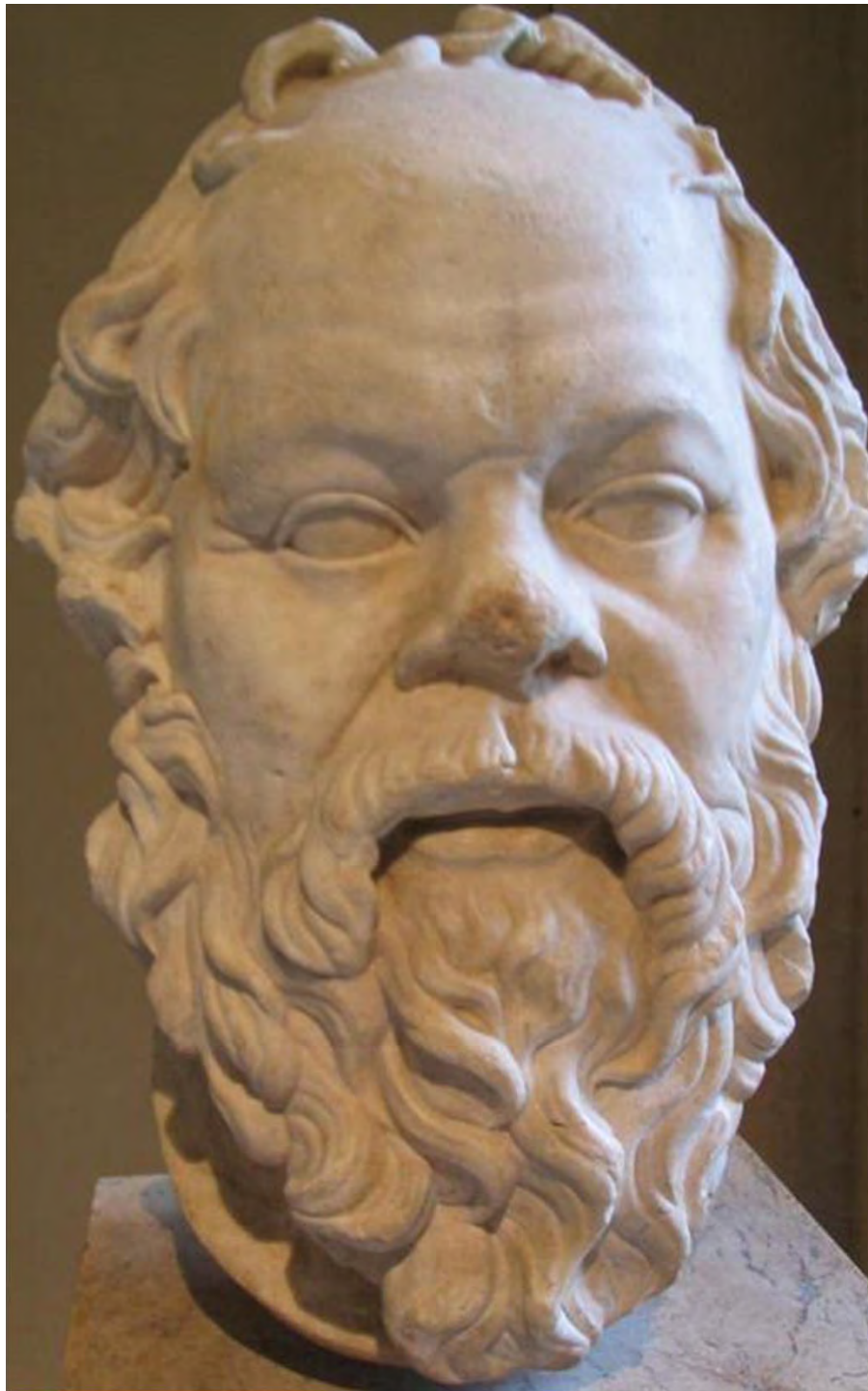
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“...as our understanding of both cognitive science and game design continues to advance...game play will find a central place inside schools. I think in 30 years’ time we will marvel that we ever tried to deliver a curriculum without gaming.”



The Printing Press came into use



Gaming will not *replace* the textbook, just as audio and video did not replace the textbook; just as the textbook did not replace the teacher.

Even in a world where Pokémon exist, they still need a “Professor Oak”.

James Paul Gee on student learning communities and the evolving role of the teacher:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SVhxATeESY

HOMework:

The New York Times

Magazine

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Learning by Playing: Video Games in the Classroom



New York
Times
Magazine
Cover
Story,
September
19, 2010

[Video Games Win a Beachhead in the Classroom - NYTimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

“The language of gamers is, when you begin to decipher it, the language of strivers.

People who play video games speak enthusiastically about “leveling up” and are always shooting for the epic win. Getting to the end of even a supposedly simple video game can take 15 or more hours of play time, and it almost always involves failure — **lots and lots of failure.”**

“failure-based learning,”
failure is brief, surmountable,
often exciting and therefore not
scary.

A well-built game is a series of
short-term feedback loops,
delivering **assessment** in small,
frequent doses.

..children who persist in playing a game are demonstrating a valuable educational ideal.

They play for five minutes and they lose, they play for 10 minutes and they lose.

They'll go back and do it a hundred times.

They'll fail until they win."

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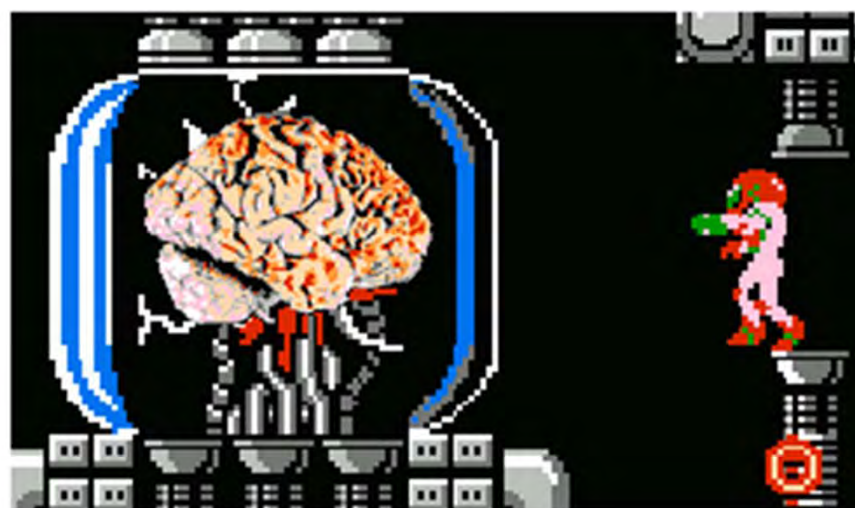
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Bad at video games? Your brain structure may be at fault

By Matt Ford | Last updated January 24, 2010 2:00 PM

I am on the old side of the generation that grew up with video games as a ubiquitous presence in their life. I clearly recall the world's worst Atari port of one of the greatest game of all time—Pac Man—and I even remember playing what is widely considered to be the worst game of all time, the [Atari 2600's E.T.](#) (I still clearly recall how hard it was). Today, video games focus less on ~~forcing you to pump more and more quarters into an arcade machine~~ punishing difficulty and more on telling a story and making the experience a bit gentler on the novice gamer.

Prior cognitive, psychological, and neurological studies have shown that expert video game players are capable of outperforming novices in measures of attention and perception. They also have demonstrated that, when novices train on video games for 20-plus hours, they experienced no measurable increase in cognitive ability. These two pieces of information would seem to point to an innate difference between expert and novices gamers, instead of suggesting that gaming is a skill that can be learned.



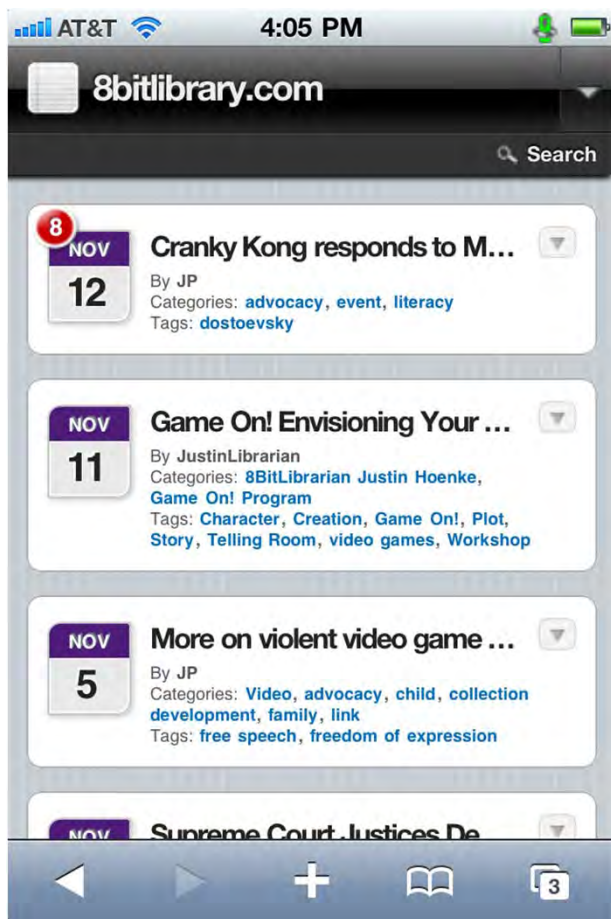
Your brain on video games

HOMework:

The screenshot shows the PBS Frontline website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'VIDEO ARCHIVE', 'SHARE/E-MAIL', 'SEARCH FRONTLINE', and the 'FRONTLINE' logo. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'FRONTLINE » SOCIAL ISSUES'. The main header features the title 'digital_nation life on the virtual frontier' and a 'WATCH THE FULL SHOW' button. A search bar with 'Google Custom Search' is visible. A horizontal menu contains categories: 'LIVING FASTER', 'RELATIONSHIPS', 'WAGING WAR', 'VIRTUAL WORLDS', 'LEARNING' (which is highlighted), 'YOUR STORIES', 'INTERVIEWS', and 'ABOUT US'. Under the 'LEARNING' category, sub-links for 'Concentration', 'Games That Teach', 'Literacy', and 'Schools' are shown. The central video player displays a portrait of James Paul Gee with a large red play button. The video title is 'What's Wrong with Our Schools?' and the date is 'Jun. 19, 2009'. To the right of the video player is an article titled 'How Video Games Can Help'. The article text reads: 'They may be able to teach problem-solving skills better than textbooks. James Paul Gee is a leading proponent of developing video games for education and a professor of literacy studies at Arizona State University. His most recent book is *Good Video Games and Good Learning*.' Below the article is a 'Make a Comment' button.

[PBS' Frontline: James Paul Gee on How Video Games Can Help](#)

the traditional schooling structure now has “competition”



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Librarians have the opportunity to both innovate and connect with students in important, non-traditional ways.

Partnerships between public librarians, school librarians, and teachers can be built on the basis of new and effective learning techniques.

Computers at Home: Educational Hope vs. Teenage Reality

By RANDALL STROSS

Published: July 10, 2010


MIDDLE SCHOOL students are champion time-wasters. And the personal computer may be the ultimate time-wasting appliance. Put the two together at home, without hovering supervision, and logic suggests that you won't witness a miraculous educational transformation.



Christophe Vörlet

Still, wherever there is a low-income household unboxing the family's very first personal computer, there is an automatic inclination to think of the machine in its most idealized form, as the Great Equalizer. In developing countries, computers are outfitted with grand educational hopes, like those that animate the One Laptop Per Child initiative, [which was examined in this space](#) in April. The same is true of computers that go to poor households in the United States.

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*When devising ways to beat school policing software, **students showed an exemplary capacity for self-directed learning.***

That line was buried *all the way in the last paragraph of the article*. The sentence that follows it is:



Too bad that capacity didn't expand in academic directions, too.

Let's channel that demonstrated capacity for self-directed learning.

Employers: Look to gaming to motivate staff



By *Liz Tay* on Mar 18, 2010 12:13 PM

Filed under *Training & Development*

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Gamer rewards could boost employee engagement.

Clearly defined goals and fair, incremental rewards are two game design techniques that could motivate the 'gamer generation' in the workforce, according to a US academic.

Lee Sheldon of the Indiana University believes managers may have to rethink how they engage the next generation entering the mainstream workforce.

"As the gamer generation moves into the mainstream workforce, they are willing

If we *believe* that our students are capable of achievement, than the role of a school librarian, teacher, or public librarian is similar:

MOTIVATOR



“Justin! No! Drop the rope, Justin! It’s not worth it!”

“My Pokémons are in there! I ain’t ever gonna catch ‘em all again!”

LEVELING UP?

Think of other ways that students are assessed, and ask yourself if you could EVER describe the assessment as **motivating**?

The most interesting part of that article is that “leveling up” is essentially an **assessment model**, yet the teachers in the article said it is **exciting** and **motivating** students

HOMework:

Implementation ideas!

[The Pokémon Generation: Building lesson plans around a gaming environment creates effective learning.](#)

[Gaming in the HS Classroom](#)

DIGITAL MEDIA AND LEARNING
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[Tangential Learning \(Video Games and Learning video\)](#)
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[Computer games and realising their learning potential](#)

<http://www.gameslearningsociety.org>



[E3 Special Edition: 10 Video-Game Worlds We Wish We Could Live In](#)



8-bit NYC

New York, just like I pixeled it

Want to see **more** 8-bit



PROJECT BASED LEARNING

Project-based learning, or PBL, is the use of in-depth and rigorous classroom projects to facilitate learning and assess student competence. Students use technology and inquiry to respond to a complex issue, problem or challenge. PBL focuses on student-centered inquiry and group learning with the teacher acting as a facilitator.

Pokémath

Project*

...is organized around an open-ended “goal”.

Build a set of Math lessons, using Pokemon to help teach it!

The public and / or school librarian's role in this process is to understand what that goal is, and how library resources can help students succeed.

**...applies “need-to-know”
knowledge to that “goal”.**

What grade level of Math are you teaching?
Division? Clock-reading skills? Just knowing that
Pokemon is involved will give the motivation
necessary to plow through the “boring” stuff.

This is the most traditional aspect of
the PBL. Librarian’s role to be sure
to support the teacher in very
traditional ways.

...the student is the artist.

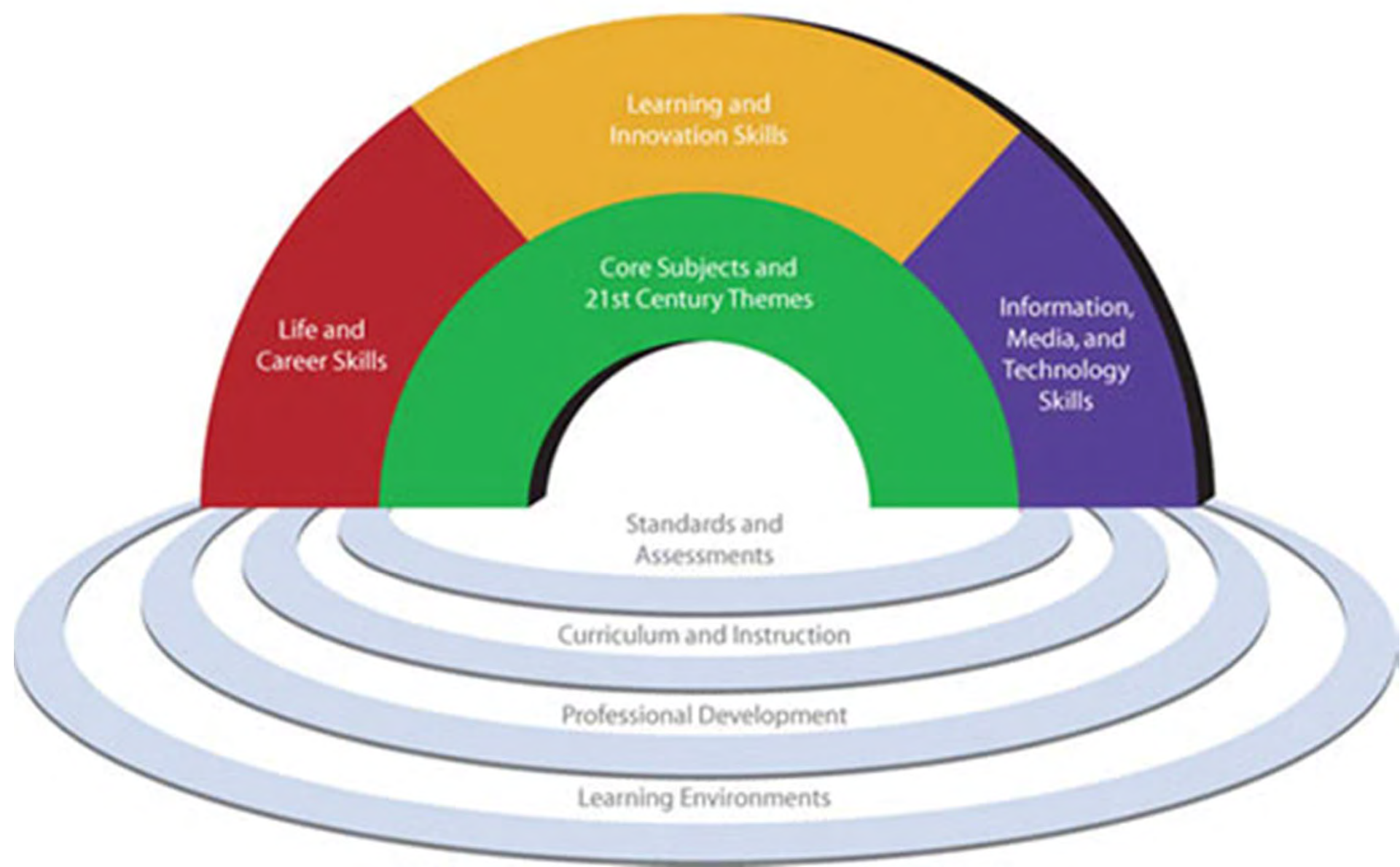
They are crafting the style and direction of the project. *You* are making sure that “need-to-know” stuff is in there.

The librarian’s role is to foster creativity through offering a variety of print and digital resources, as well as offering the library space as the “studio” for the art.

...requires critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and student communication/collaboration.

This is the tricky part. You aren't able to "cheat" on a PBL, which makes for some tricky situations at times.

You can Google facts, but you can't Google "learning". The teacher & librarian are constantly facilitating learning.



...allows the student to have a “voice”.

This is another motivating factor that contributes to the effectiveness of a PBL.

...peer-review.

Have the students *constantly* help each other along the way. Texting is ok.

Communication is encouraged. They can talk about this on blogs, Facebook, and Twitter if they want. Share notes.

There will be no test...

The public and / or school librarian's role in this process is to understand what that goal is, and how library resources can help students succeed.

...presented to the class.

The point behind this module is to teach another valuable skill: effective communication.

This is a place where the library “space” is important: it’s a place to present their findings, without the traditional classroom atmosphere.

But what about other
grades levels / subjects?

What if I
don't play
games?!

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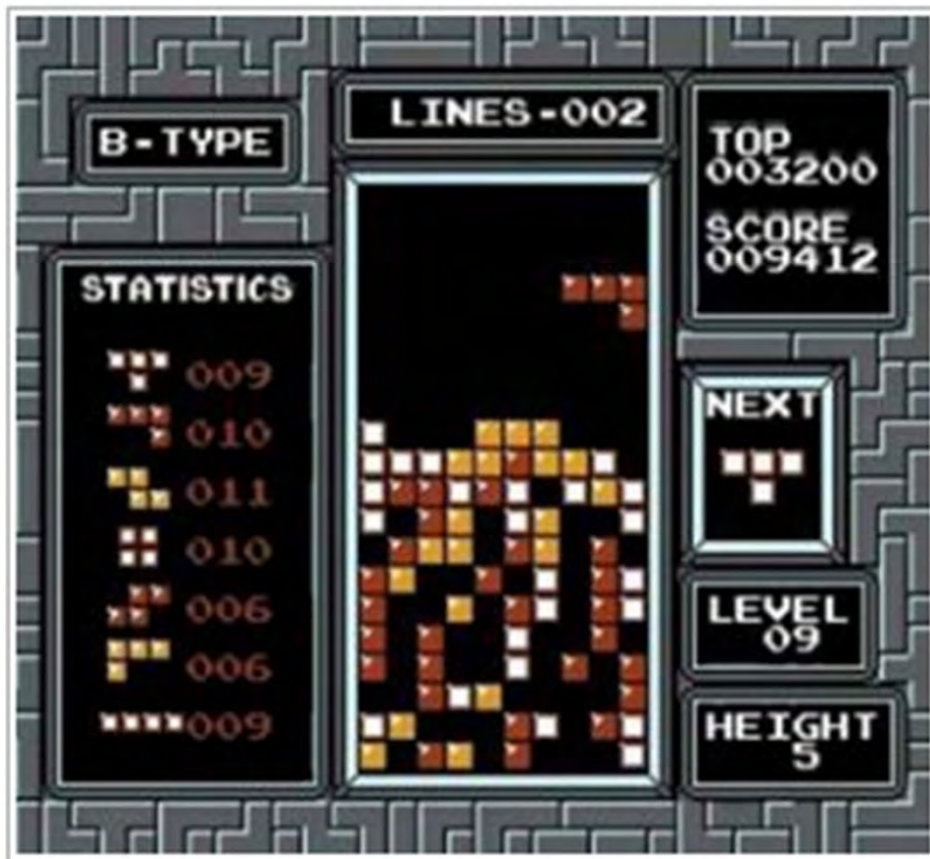


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Games ease trauma — bu

Tetris serves as 'vaccine' against flashbac



Nintendo

The Tetris video game requires players to fit geometric shapes into a puzzle pattern as they fall down the screen.

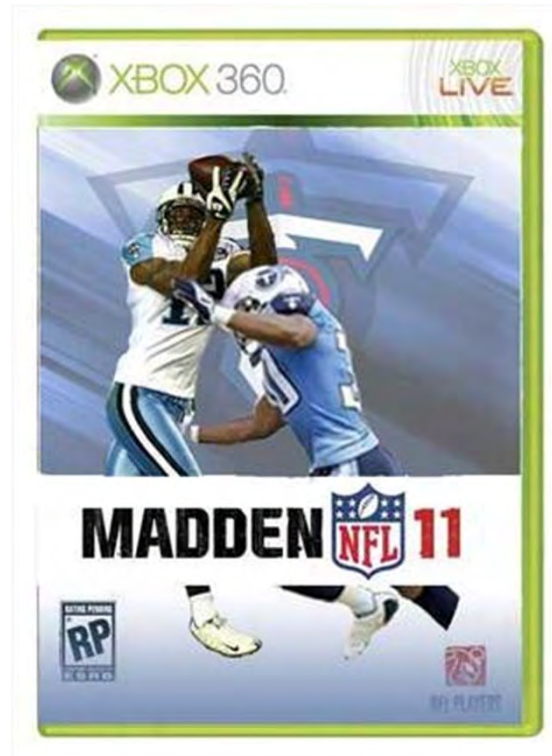


Learning Communities!

Our students don't just learn, they produce.

Memorizing facts does not prepare students for future learning.

“Just learning a bunch of facts in school won't do you much good.”



Collections and programming:



Video Game Starter Kit: Fostering Community Engagement from \$500.

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