

# Playful Learning Part 2

Finding The Best Classroom Games

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The power of game-based learning



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# Games and Learning



### What is it?

#### Definition:

"Game-based learning (GBL) is a form of learning where students may learn by trial and error, by role-playing and by treating a certain topic not as 'content' but as a set of rules, or a system of choices and consequences."



## Why games?

### Games are ideal learning environments

If you attended part 1, then you know games can bring superpowers to your classroom.

## What are the obstacles?

- Testing
- Federal and State initiatives
- Technology
- More students and less resources
- More to do and less time

## Using games in the classroom



Allow the game to be played outside of school.



Use games as preparation for future learning.



Let the students demonstrate expertise.



Use games as pre-assessments.



Be clear about the learning objectives.



Identify the precise role to be played by using the game in achieving the learning goals.



Use the parts of the game that work for you.



Allow sufficient time to become familiar with the game—for you and your students.



Build in time for review and reflection.

### Gamification

game-based learning

Adding game mechanics to encourage learning







### Selecting a game!

- suitable for your students?
- what elements of the game support your educational goals?
- would your students be motivated to use it?

#### Types of games when searching-

- COTS (Commercial Off-The-Shelf)
- Educational

- Long form
- Short form

#### Short-Form Games

- fit into a single class period
- typically focus on a specific concept or skill

### Long-Form Games

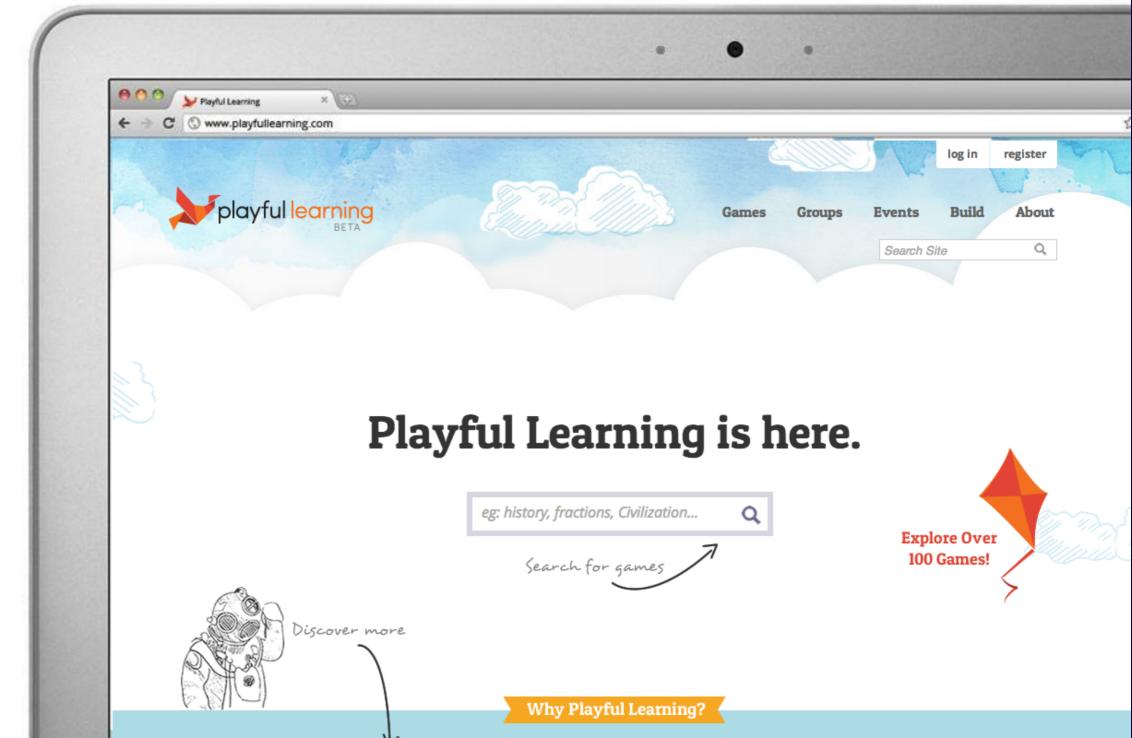
- extend to multiple sessions or even weeks
- •focus on developing concepts and 21st century skills
  - performing better than lectures...

# Long-form games have a better chance to teach many goals

### Resources



### Platform





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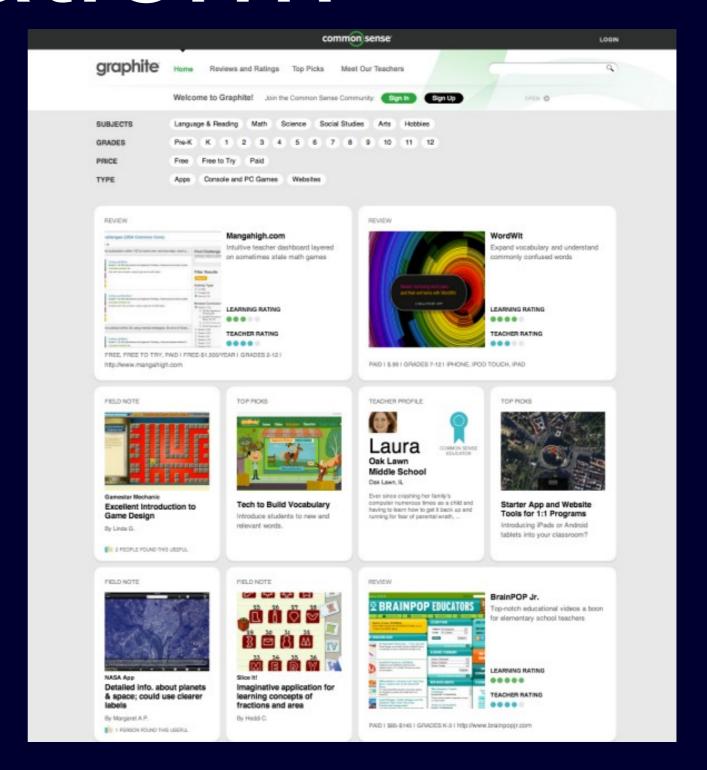


## Platform

#### Teachers, meet Graphite.

Find the best apps, games, websites, and digital curricula rated for the classroom





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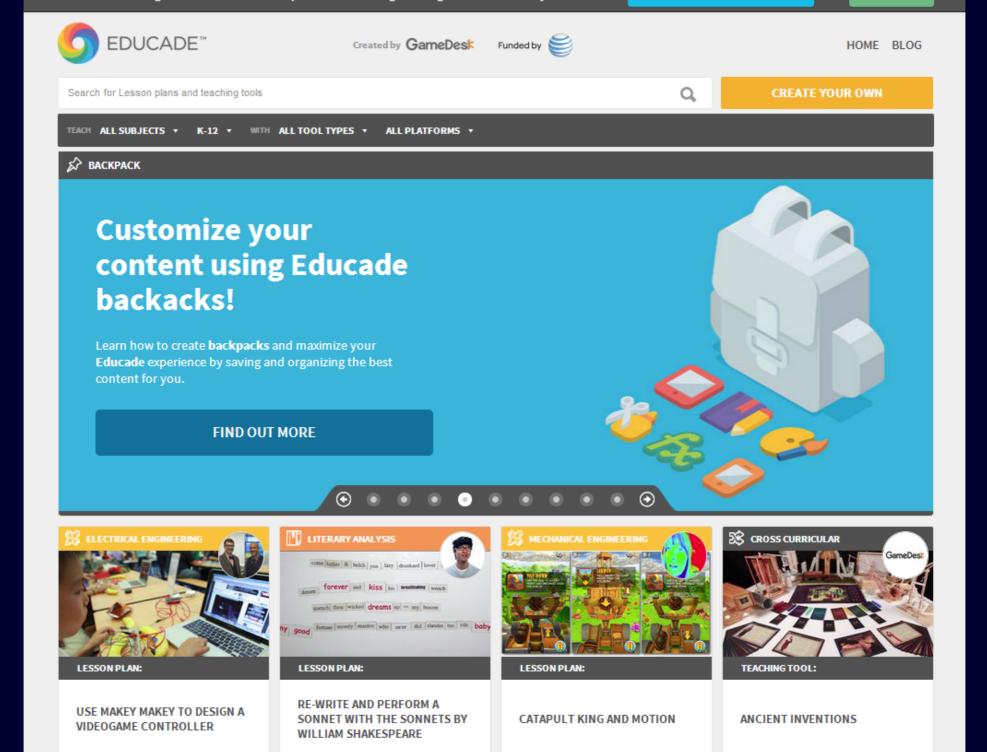
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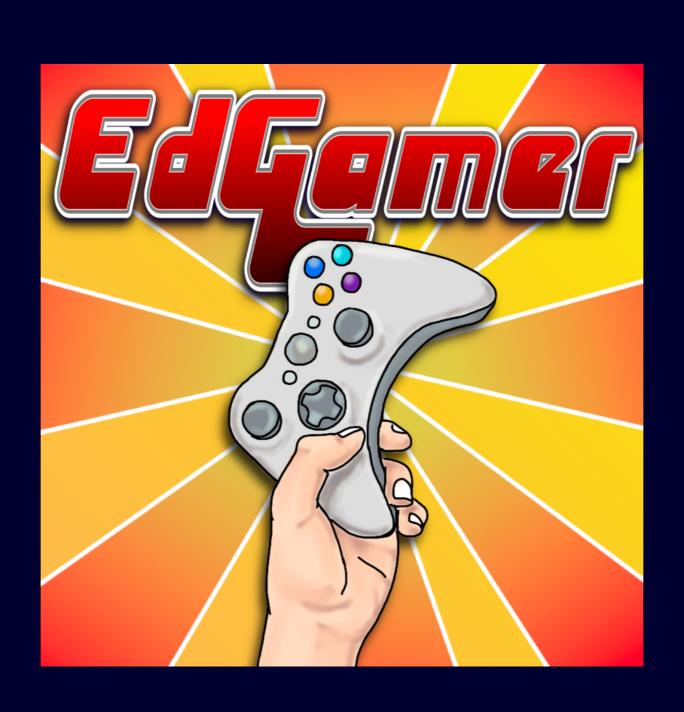
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# Genres

- Simulation
- Creation
- Puzzle/Strategy
- Drill and Kill
- Sandbox (Open World)
- Tabletop (Board, Card, and Role-Playing)
- RPG Digital (Role-Playing Game)
- •Many more....





## Civilization Chart Pg.1

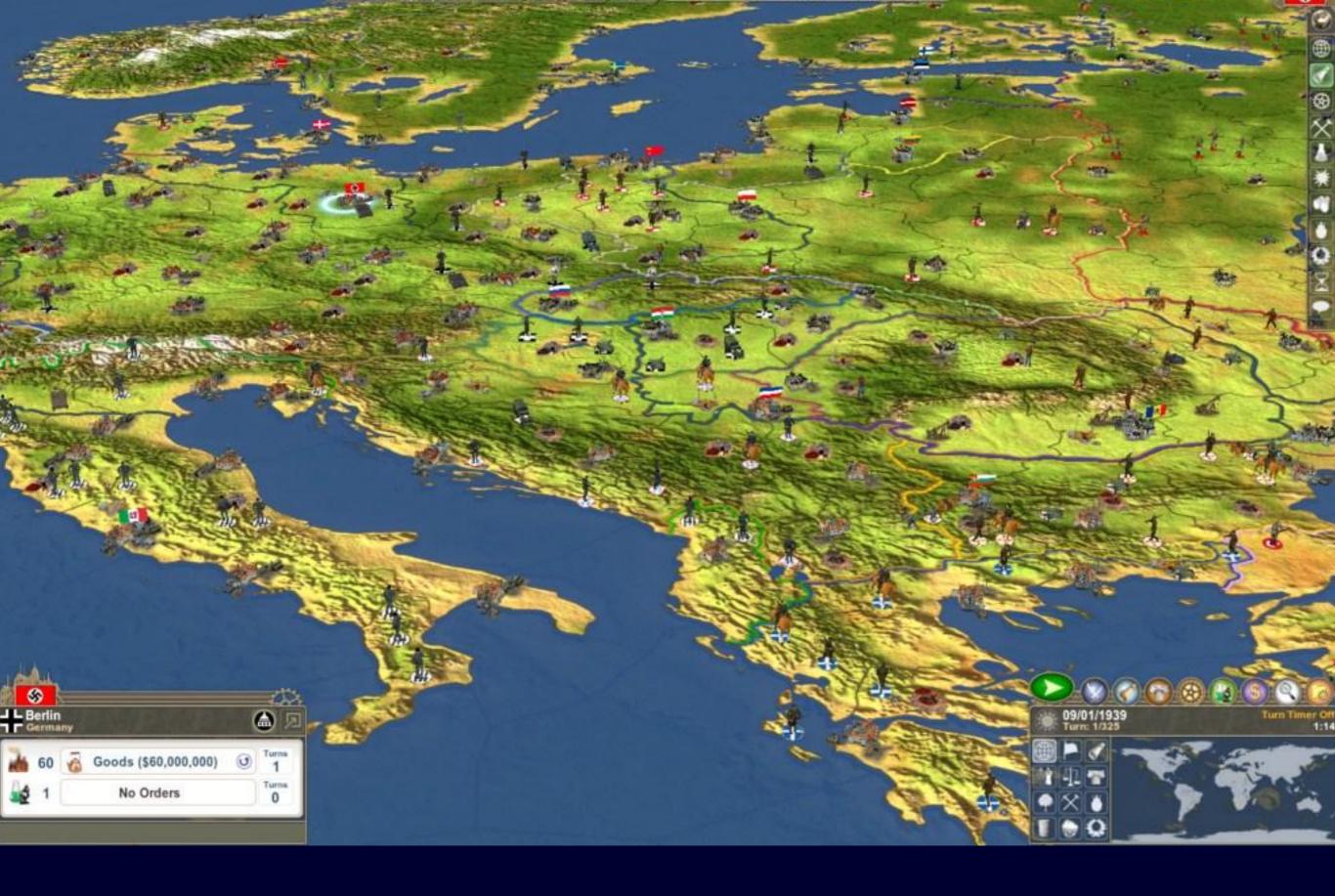
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## Civilization Chart Pg. 2

#### Civilization Worksheet (Page 2) People Merchant Religious Scientist Artist People Military Engineer Leader Geography Terrain Climate Resources



simulation/strategy



simulation/strategy



### simulation





### simulation







#### simulation/rpg

#### **History**



Ancient History

British History

World Wars

Historic Figures

Family History Hands on History

History for Kids

On This Day

#### Mummy Maker



Enter the embalmer's workshop, where you are to prepare the body of Ramose, officer to the king, for burial. The chief embalmer, Kha, will be watching your work closely.

Complete your task perfectly, or he will be denied paradise.

Launch the game

#### More Egyptians

#### Hands on History: Ancient Britain



Travel back in time to **Ancient Britain and** create your own stone

#### Hands on History: Roman Britain



Eric (voiced by Daniel Roche) visits Roman Britain, where he lives a life of privilege.

ВВС

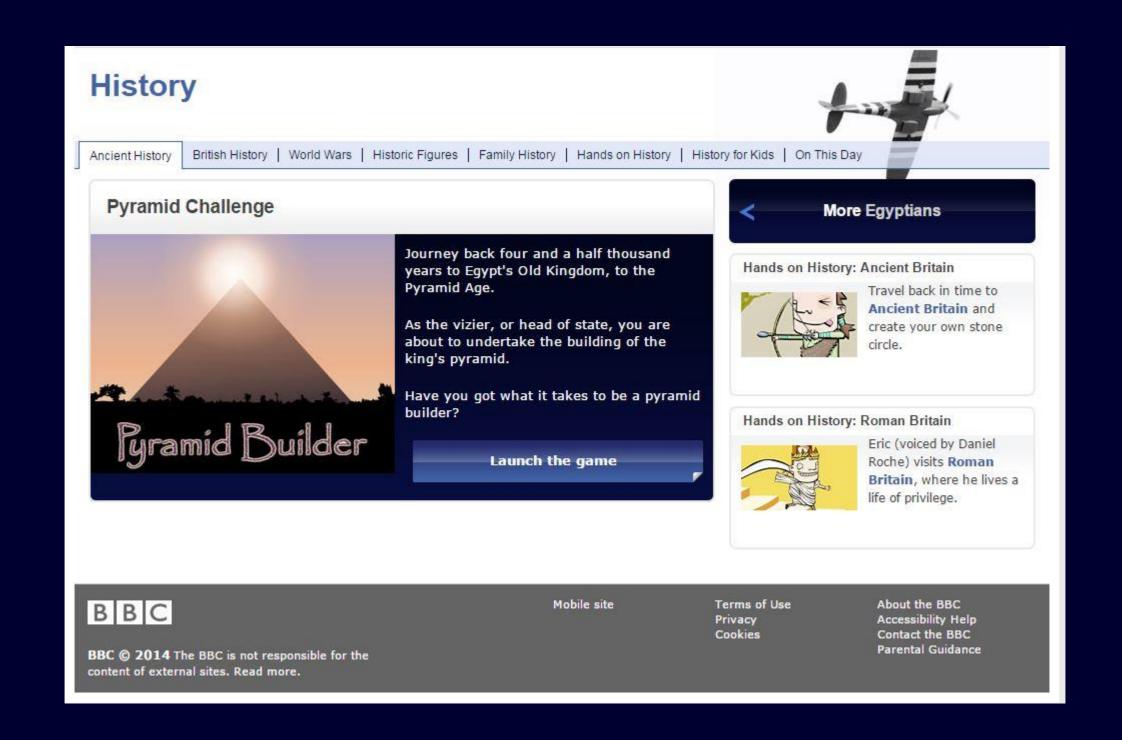
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#### simulation



### Pyramid Challenge simulation

#### The Oregon Trail

#### You may:

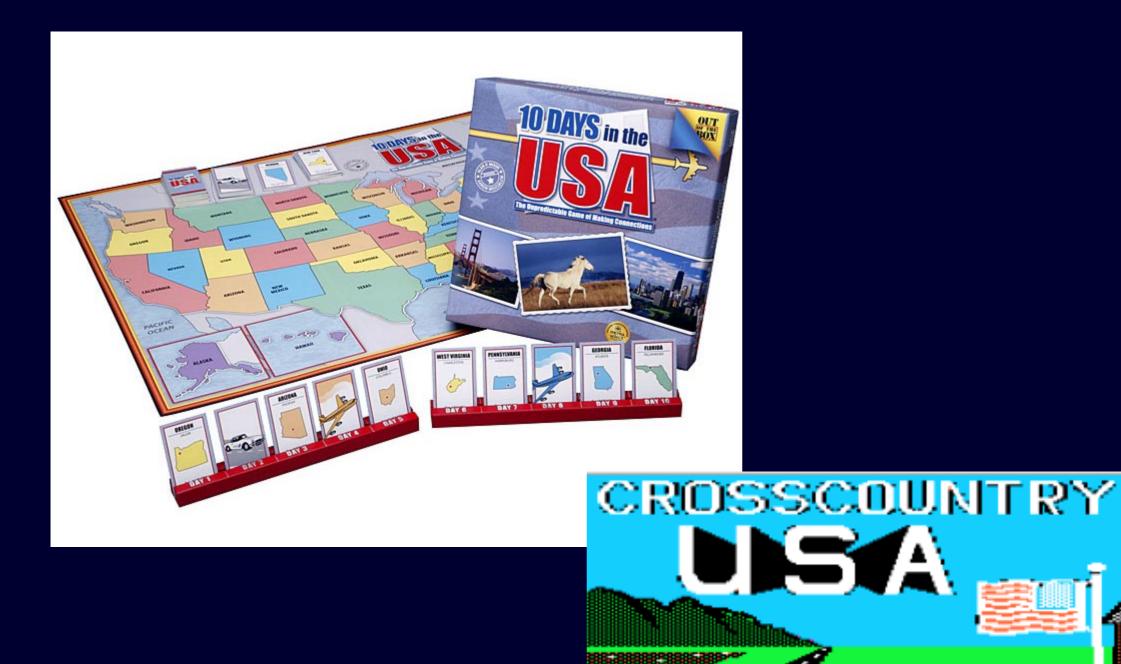
- 1. Travel the trail
- 2. Learn about the trail
- 3. See the Oregon Top Ten
- 4. Turn sound off

What is your choice?





#### simulation



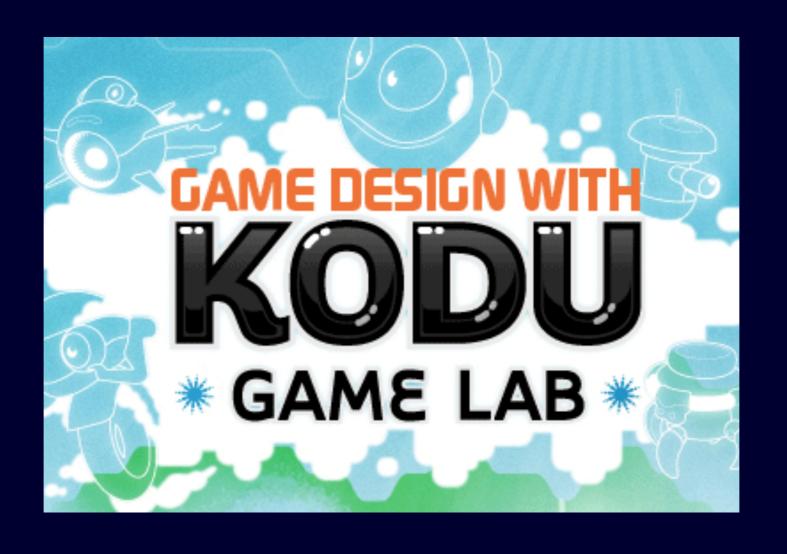
#### simulation

### ethical thinking











#### GameMaker: Studio

GameMaker: Studio caters to entry-level novices and seasoned game development professionals equally, allowing them to create cross-platform games in record time and at a fraction of the cost!

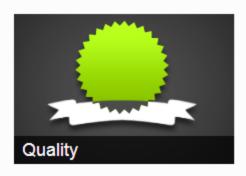
In addition to making games development 80 percent faster than coding for native languages, developers can create fully functional prototypes in just a few hours, and a full game in just a matter of weeks.



#### **Key Features**





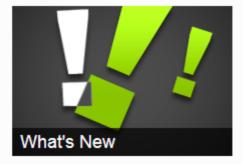






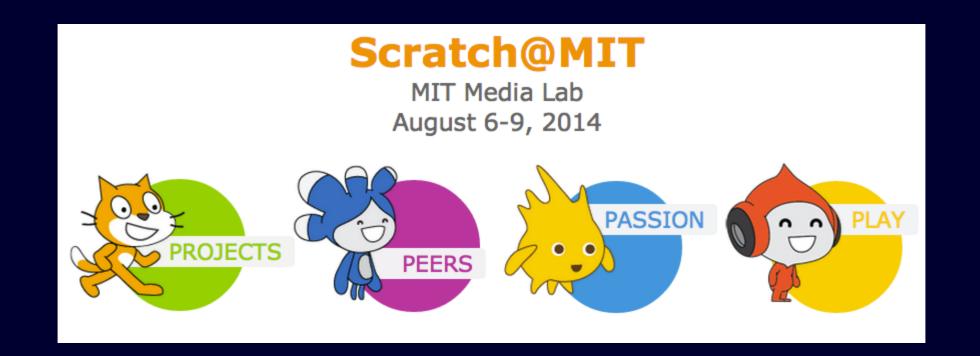
















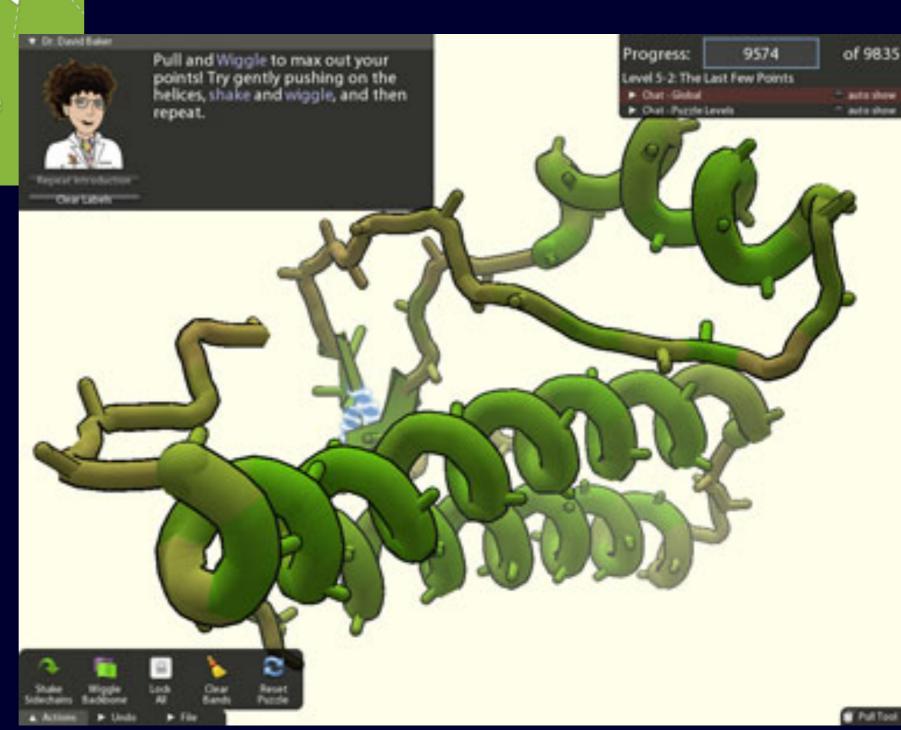
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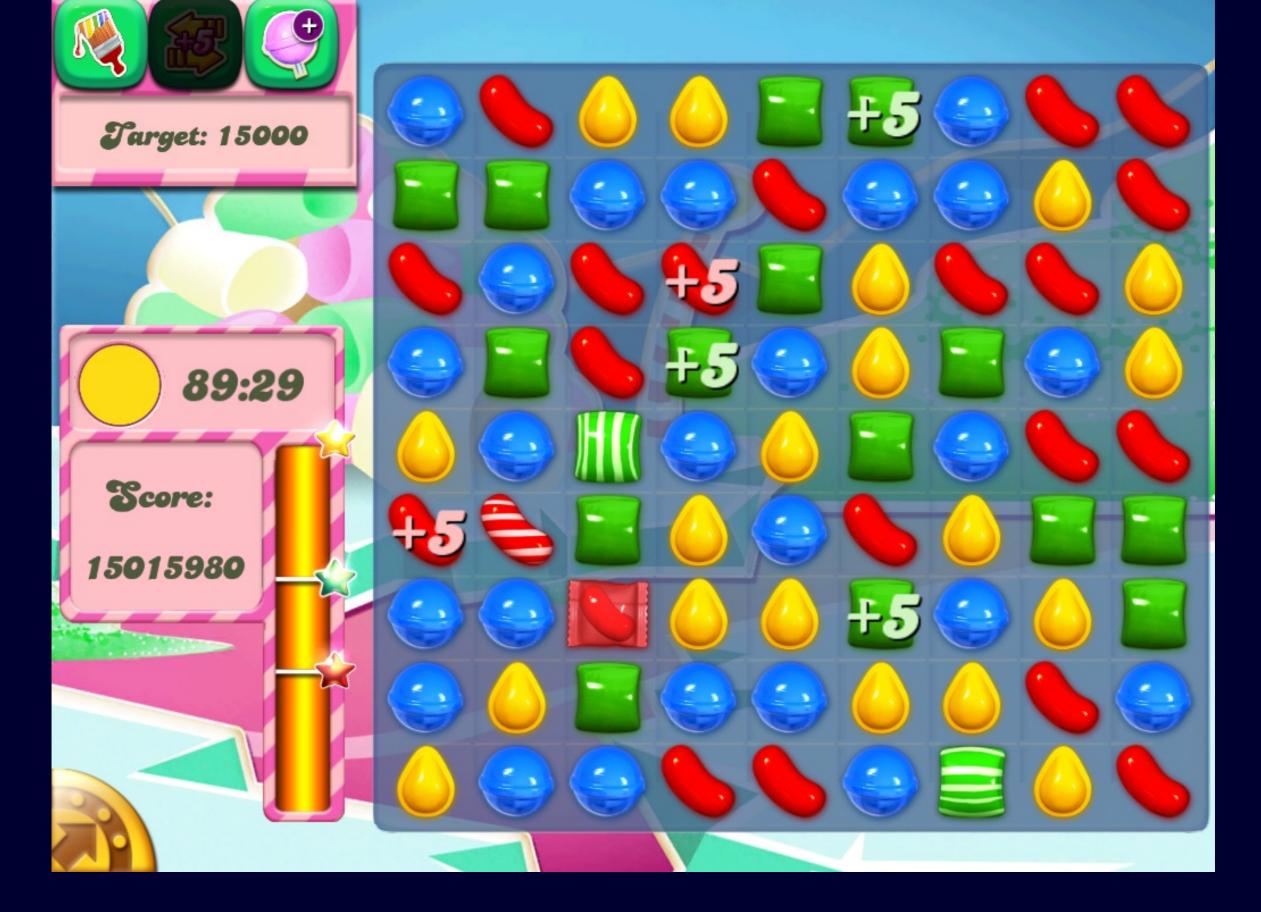
Solve Puzzles for Science



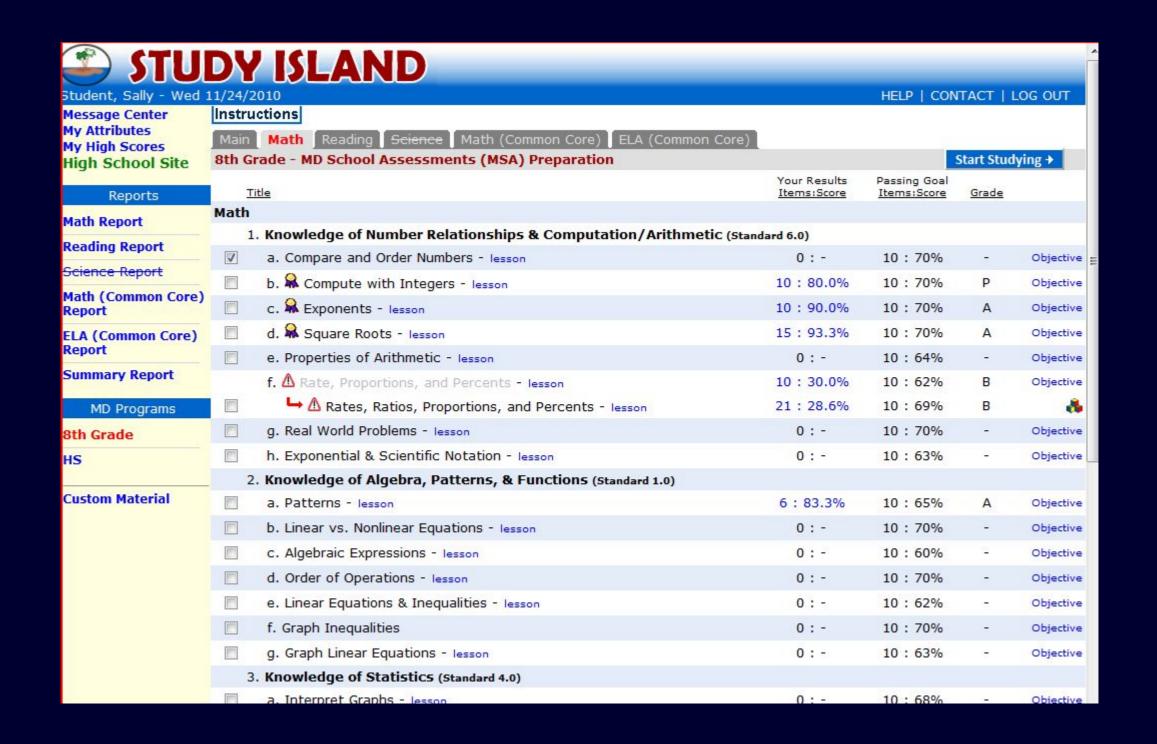
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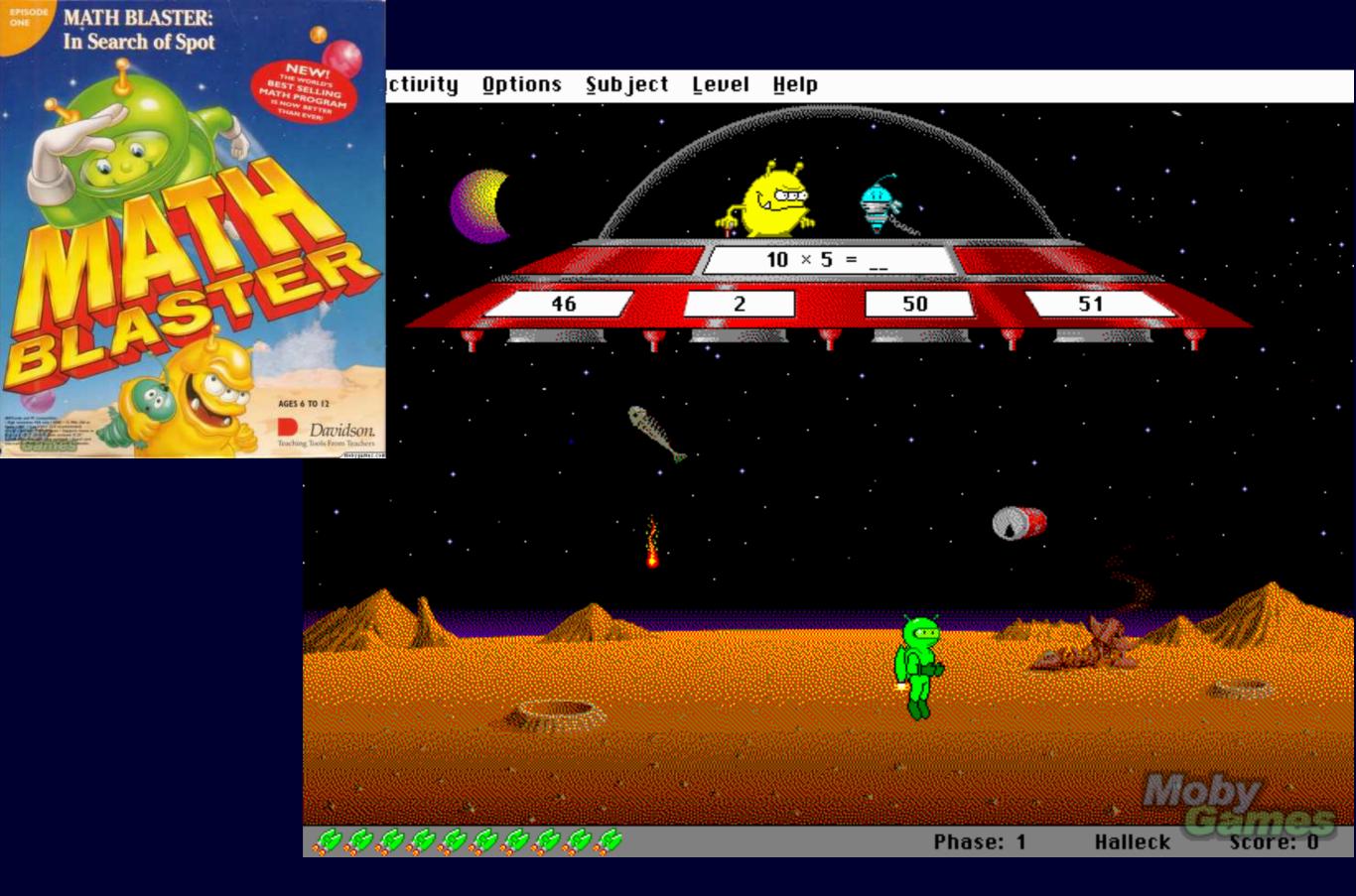
## puzzle



### puzzle

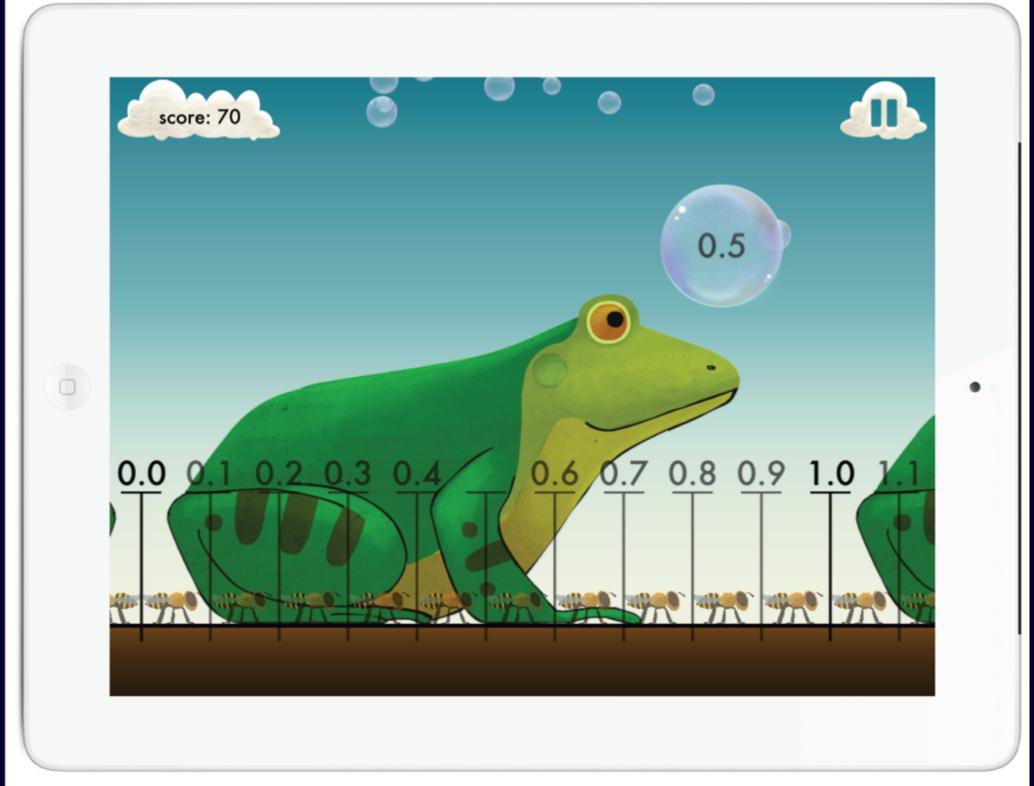


## drill & practice



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#### Example (2machines Article)

- Minecraft
  - Open-Ended Sandbox
  - Creativity
  - Social Skills
  - Exploration
  - Teamwork and Cooperation
  - Problem Solving
  - Playing is Fun

### Minecraft Example

Roman City

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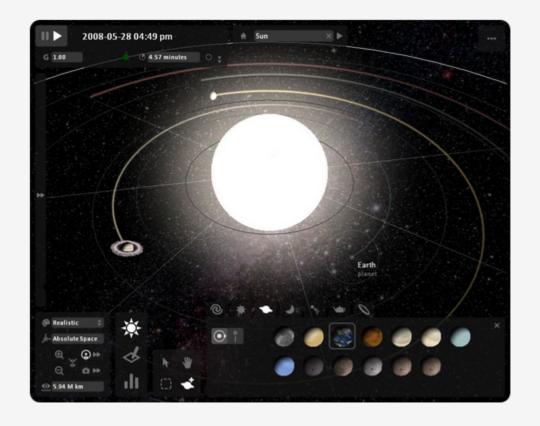
#### What is Universe Sandbox?



Universe Sandbox is an interactive space simulator for Windows based PCs.

Unlike most astronomy software that just shows you what the sky looks like or where the planets are, Universe Sandbox is a powerful gravity simulator. You can add another star to our solar system and watch it rip the planets from their orbits.

The free forever version allows you to explore and discover any simulation. Optionally you can upgrade to to the premium version for unlimited control.



# sandbox (open world)

### RPG (Lifehacker Article)

- Role-Playing Games
  - Dungeons and Dragons
- Playing Cultivates Creativity & Storytelling
- Level Up Social Skills
- Teamwork and Cooperation
- Problem Solving
- Playing is Fun

### PBS Idea Channel

Can Dungeons & Dragons Make You A Confident
 & Successful Person?

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## 12 million users



role-playing (rpg)



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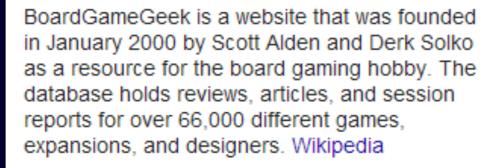
## role-playing (rpg)



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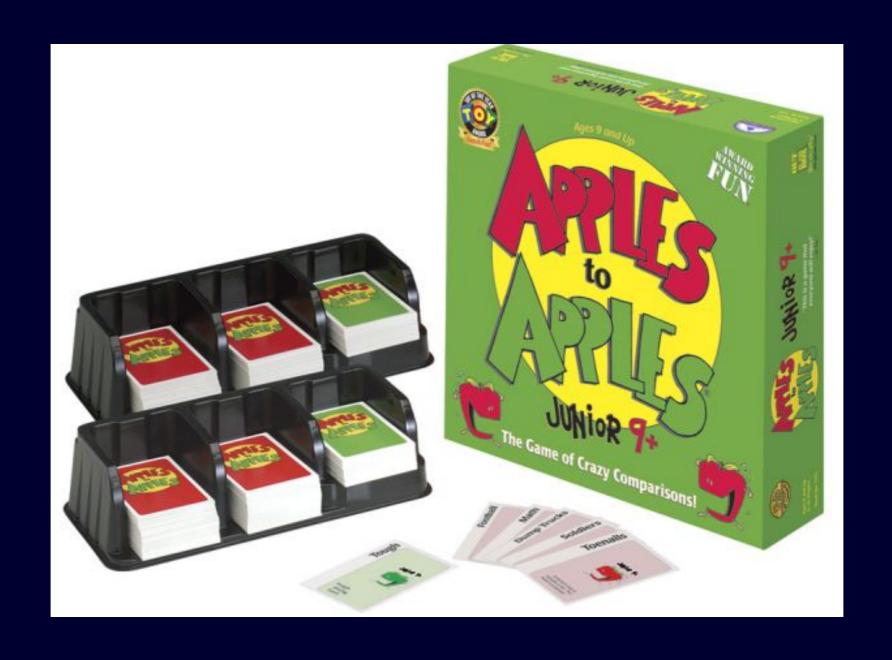
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