Minecraft: Learning Reimagined

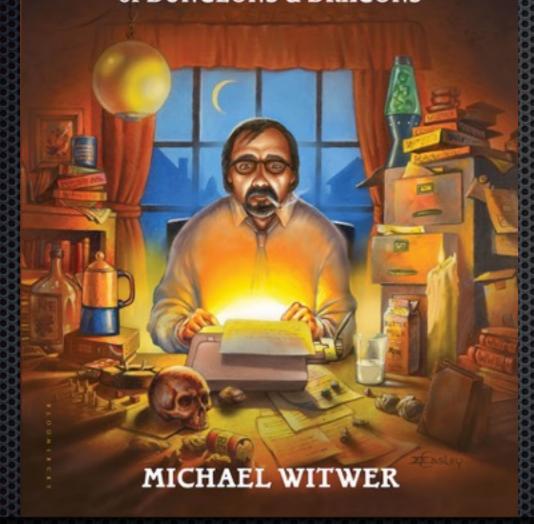
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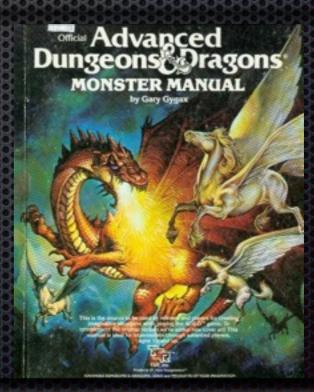


Empire of Imagination

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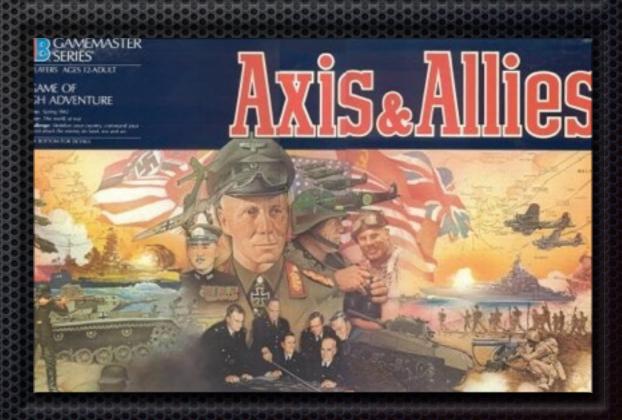


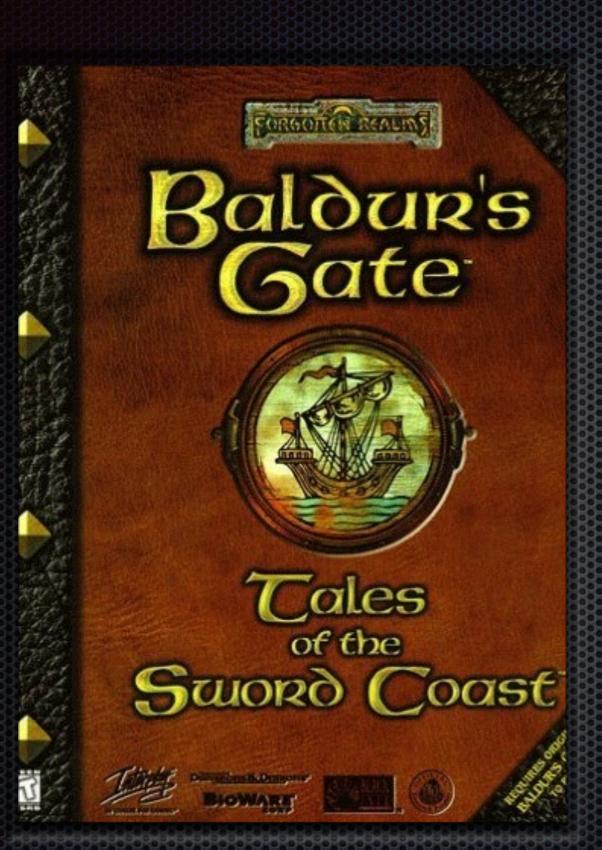






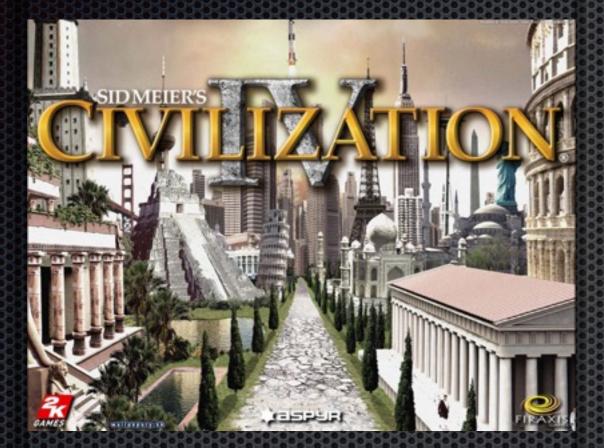






















Why Games? Why Now?

Cognitive benefit: Games have been shown to improve attention, focus, and reaction time.



Motivational benefit: Games encourage an incremental, rather than an entity theory of intelligence.



Emotional benefit:

Games induce positive mood states; and there is speculative evidence that games may help kids develop adaptive emotion regulation.



Social benefit:

Gamers are able to translate the prosocial skills that they learn from co-playing or multi-player gameplay to "peer and family relations outside the gaming environment."



Minecraft Education Edition

Within the world of gaming, Minecraft is special in four ways:

1. The Minecraft experience is about gathering and building whatever you can think of; it is a tool of production at it's core.



 It's also built without a structure or scaffolding that forces certain kinds of experiences. It trusts the player to think.



3. Minecraft is social and is appealing because you can play with your friends.



4. The inner guts of Minecraft are wide open to learning more about programming.

Minecraft Note Blocks -Queen Bohemian Rhapsody



How is Minecraft being used within different subjects?

Math

■ Mathcraft: Fractions on a number line

Science

■ The Digestive System In Minecraft

Language Arts

Teacher's Guide: Five ways Minecraft (and other video games) can boost student writing skills

Social Studies

Minecraft Humanity – Refugee Crisis – ImmersiveMind







Coding

Steve Isaacs Minecraft Coding

How do you get access to Minecraft?

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- Minecraft Symbaloo Links
- Minecraft Launch November 1st

Game Clubs

Resources/Links

- Minecraft Symbaloo Links
- Teachercraft: How Teachers Learn to Use Minecraft in their Classrooms
- All my Symbaloo Links
- EdGamer Site
- EdGamer Twitter @EdGamer