

# FHCA 2050: Playing and Analyzing (Pt 1)

Due date: September 27th

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## **ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION:**

Keeping in mind the notes you made regarding potential games for last week's homework, pick one or two games and play them. While playing the game, please take notes regarding the following elements:

- The basics of the game. This includes characters, storyline, and the developers.
- Define the following:
  - Audience - Who is the game designed for?
  - Goal - What is the player trying to accomplish?
  - Resources - What are the resources players can gain?
  - Decisions - What decisions must players make to progress in the game?
- Explain the player-game relationship by explaining the rules and sequence of events in the game.
- Describe the overall playing experience.

Include more information regarding how you feel about the game, its difficulty, its accessibility, how well designed the game is, etc.

Begin deciding what type of critical analysis you want to write. For your critical analysis, you may decide to critically analyze just one game, do a comparative critical analysis on two different games, or do a critical analysis on a series of games by the same studio/artist. While brainstorming, consider which analysis you would like to do. Begin formulating your thesis statement or question. Are you providing historical context? Are you trying to prove something? Are you wanting to provide information where it is lacking?

For the next class, you will pick which game(s) you will be focusing on.

*Reference the Critical Game Analysis Guide document in the Google Drive.*

## **FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS:**

There is no word count for this assignment, as it is to serve you in your research.

At the top of the first page, please include your first and last name, course code, and date. There is not a specific format required for this assignment. However, please proofread and check for grammar errors before turning it in.

**TURN-IN INSTRUCTIONS:**

Before the next class, please email this assignment to [kirby.mealer@paris.edu](mailto:kirby.mealer@paris.edu) in a Word document format using this naming convention:

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**GRADING CRITERIA:**

	<b>15</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
Written Content	Paper includes all assignment requirements.	Paper is missing a few assignment requirements.	Paper is missing half assignment requirements.	Paper is missing more than half assignment requirements.	Paper is missing almost all assignment requirements.	No assignment was submitted or does not include any assignment requirements.
	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Grammar	Well-written work. No grammatical or spelling errors.	Well-written work. A few minor grammatical or spelling errors.	Average written work. Moderate amount of grammatical and/or spelling errors.	Poorly written work. Many grammatical and/or spelling errors.	Difficult to understand work. Grammar and spelling issues throughout the paper.	No work was submitted, or the work is incomprehensible.

**Assignment 03 Total Points \_\_\_\_/20**

**This assignment can be re-submitted for a better grade. Must be re-submitted by week 7.**