

# FHCA 2050: Midterm

To be presented on Week 7

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## **ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION:**

This midterm is of a critical game analysis with the game(s) of your choice.

The type of critical analysis you write must be one of the following:

- A critical analysis of just one game or a series of games by the same studio/artist
- A comparative critical analysis of two different games

For your critical analysis, determine your objective in a form of a thesis statement or question

In your critical analysis, include information regarding the following:

- Describe 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.

Depending on what you are wanting to critically analyze, you may also include but are not limited to, the following:

- Historical or artistic significance of the game
- New information that is not well recorded
- Connections to other games
- Technological advances that came from the game's development

## **FUTURE MILESTONES:**

- By Week 4: Pick a game and define what type of critical analysis/question you want to analyze.
- By Week 5: Create an outline for your written presentation.
- By Week 6: Have a rough draft of your critical game analysis.

**FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS:****PAPER FORMAT:**

- Minimum 3 pages, maximum 10 pages.
- Written as a critical analysis and includes an introduction, body, conclusion, and bibliography/citation page.
- Use 12 point font, Times New Roman, and 1.5 line spacing.
- Citations are required. You can use in-text citations or footnotes. Please use what is typically used in your department.
  - In the case of using footnotes, the number of pages is only considered for the text does not include footnotes.

**PRESENTATION FORMAT:**

- Minimum of 10 slides, maximum of 25 slides.
- If you do a live demonstration of the game itself, as long as you verbally explain key elements you are showing this can take the place of specific slides as long as you have a clear transition between each point you are explaining.
- The presentation itself must be a minimum of 8 minutes, a maximum of 15 minutes.
- The presentation can include videos, but videos must not exceed 5 minutes in total.
- The presentation must include information from your critical analysis.

**TURN-IN INSTRUCTIONS:**

Before the midterm, 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:  
PAPER**

	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>
Written Content	Paper is written exceptionally well written, includes all assignment requirements, and is a strong critical analysis.	Paper is well written, possibly missing a few assignment requirements, but is a solid critical analysis.	Paper is of medium quality, possibly missing half assignment requirements, and is not a strong critical analysis.	Paper is missing more than half assignment requirements, and is a poor critical analysis.	Paper is missing almost all assignment requirements and is a very poor critical analysis.	No assignment was submitted or does not include any assignment requirements.
	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</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.

**PRESENTATION;**

	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>
Written Content	Presentation is well done, includes all assignment requirements, established the video game well, and follows through the entire critical analysis.	Presentation is of good quality, possibly missing a few assignment requirements, but follows through the entire critical analysis.	Presentation is of medium quality, possibly is missing half assignment requirements, and is not a strong critical analysis.	Presentation is of poor quality, possibly missing more than half assignment requirements.	Presentation is of very poor quality, and is missing almost all assignment requirements.	No assignment was submitted or does not include any assignment requirements.
	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Grammar	Well-written presentation, very organized,. No grammatical or spelling errors.	Well-written presentation, possibly few minor grammatical or spelling errors.	Average written presentation. Moderate amount of grammatical and/or spelling errors.	Poorly written presentation. Many grammatical and/or spelling errors.	Difficult to understand presentation. Grammar and spelling issues throughout it.	No work was submitted, or the work is incomprehensible.

**Midterm Paper Total Points \_\_\_\_/110 (worth 15% of your total grade)**

**Midterm Presentation Total Points \_\_\_\_/110 (worth 10% of your total grade)**