Collaborative Writing in a Gaming Environment

Jeff Brain Virtual CUE, 2020

Welcome Objectives Background · Strategies/Tools

Objectives

- Goals not Expectations
- Creativity
- Communication
- Collaboration

- Students create original content: creativity
- Students work together: collaborate
- Students share and create critique: communication



Writers' Room

'Empire': Meet the Writers Behind Broadcast's Biggest Hit



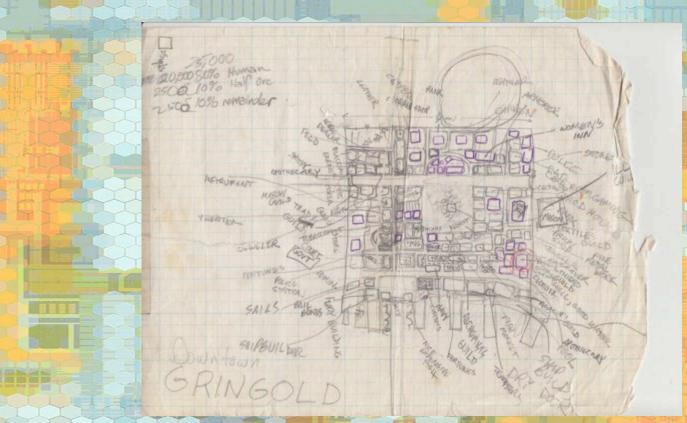
Christopher Patey

From left: Blank, Rosengard, Chaiken, Locke, James, Allen, Rodriguez, Strong, Haywood, James, Floyd, Spellman and Escaieda

Beginnings: **Shared Worlds in** Literature (& Games) -Sanctuary, Wild Cards, Expanse

Beginnings: **Shared Worlds in** Games -Gringold Campaign, Cluefinders

Original Map of Gringold



Cluefinders Fifth Grade Adventures





World Without Oil-Jane McGonigal



"Play it before you live it."

1,700 writers for a

month...

Dispatches From Elsewhere-Jason Segel



Jason Segel, left, Sally Field and Eve Lindley in "Dispatches From Elsewhere." (Jessica Kourkounis/AMC)

2008-Jeff Hull ARG for an SF State project.

The Game Academy

Welcome to The Game Academy!

The Game Academy is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to the social, emotional and academic success of learners of all ages through the use of tabletop role-playing games and live-action role play. We provide collaborative storytelling experiences that encourage academic and social/emotional skills in both youth ages 8-18 and adults through our innovative enrichment classes, summer camps and custom made curricula for educators.



Curriculum Design Meets RPGs

Hero's Reality

March 14, 2___

It's happening to me too, now. The same way it took Beryn. The itching feeling at the base of your skull that won't go away, an itch you can almost hear. In fact, I can hear too well, every sound is amplified beyond anything close to a comfort level. The rhythm from the apartment next door is like a throbbing needle being pushed slowly behind my eyes, very slowly, and the points are rusty so you can hear the scrape as they pierce my optic nerves.

March 15, 2___, the Ides

No really, it felt like that, just before I passed out from the pain and exhaustion. The nape of my neck still litches, but I've made it this far, maybe I didn't draw the Black Queen. The one that kills you, often in grotesque ways, Seems some sci-fi folks back in the 20" wrote some wild yarns about an alien virus changing people like it was some comic book or something. Well, it hasn't been any aliens, it's been us, you, me, the governments, business, science, entertainment, us. All. Of. Us.

I remember when I learned about the ides of March. March 15, when a <u>king_or</u>, emperor or something, Jules Caesar, got stabbed a whole bunch of times. I think about that, and wonder <u>what</u> his attackers would have thought if the wounds just closed up, and he stood back up. Man, that would have been a sight.

And it's what is happening around us today. They say it started with the Botswana Incursion, with the solidiers coming back from that bit of international nastiness, you know the kind where more innocent people get in the way of the latest weapons than any of the sides involved. It was just last fall, right before Thanksgiving, when the folks home on leave started getting sick. Then some started getting "better." A lot better, They started being able to do things, powerful things, like being super strong, or like I was saying about Caesar, being able to heal wounds and stuff.

Then it started spreading, Seems that a cargo ship carrying battlefield litter was leaking nanoparticles into the <u>Banguela</u> Current, and if you look at the maps, all the currents connect up. The <u>nanosuff</u> spread really fast, and it was small enough to end up in the atmosphere so before long we were all breathing it.

The news says it is only a fraction of the human population that can act as a_host_ for the stuff, but in that fraction, most get nothing happening to them. Some get really sick. Some of this survive. I wonder what my power will be. Will it change me? Will the government want me? Things are falling apart, and I'm scared.

Hero's Reality, the Plan

Students will roleplay a character(s) who undergoes a transformation into a hero. The roleplaying will take place in the form of writing, drawing and multimedia work. Students will engage in research, in future projections, and work towards solving problems with their powers.

Day One: Introduction

Students will research nanotechnology and its ethical nature. http://www.nanoethics.org/theissues.html

Students will discuss the powers of nanotechnology, its potential for good, and for harm.

By CN April 6, 2009 -- 06:45 PM

When I got to the building that the card had addressed it had looked like an ordinary, wet bricked, warehouse building that were common in Kirkland where I was. When I came to the door there was a keypad that said, "enter pass code".

"Well" I thought, " here goes nothing." I punched it in one letter at a time. S-H-R-I-K-E the LED next to the pad turned from a dull yellow to a bright green and I heard the unmistakable sound of a deadbolt sliding out from its slot and the door slowly creaked open. As I walked into the darkened room I spied a leather swivel chair and the back of a balding head and a trail of Cigar smoke rising from somewhere beyond the back of the head.

"Hello Tom Phoxx. I have been expecting you for an hour."

By CN February 9, 2009 -- 12:39 PM

Shrike? What could it mean? I sat down on my sofa and turned on the TV. It was some discovery channel special on fire or something, I wasn't really watching. "Shrike. Shrike. Shrike." I didn't know what it meant. Something on the screen caught my attention. They were explaining about how fire is started by fast moving molecules. "Hmmmmmmm" I mumbled. I thought about the small chair in the corner and the molecules in there. Then I imagined them accelerating. Then a poof of smoke and then the whole chair went ablaze.

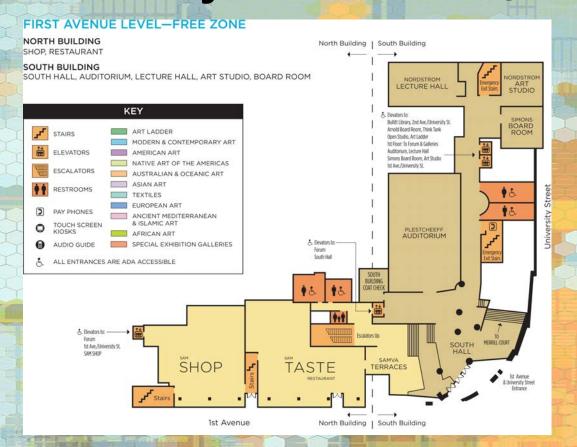
"HOLY!@#\$!" I yelled and ran to the kitchen to get the fire extinguisher. I ran back extinguisher at the ready but the chair was cold and charred.

" I got to go to this address," I thought looking at the card.

By JB February 8, 2009 -- 10:01 AM

"We're granting you a leave of absence. You certainly deserve one, Lieutenant. Seven years on the street beat, hardly a day off that whole stretch. You need some time. There were people here earlier today, asking after you. Here, take this card. Get in touch with them."

The card gave an address, and just one word in plain block text: SHRIKE



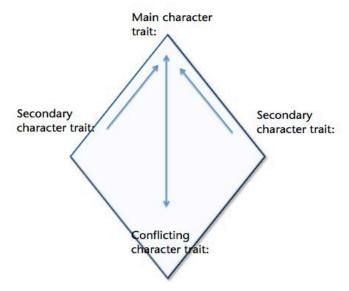


Character Trait Template

Memorable characters show their character traits in their actions. The best characters have recognizable traits that help the audience identify his or her humanity, emotional background, etc. Using the list of character traits, (you may add traits not on the list), and other resources, develop your character using the character diamond below:

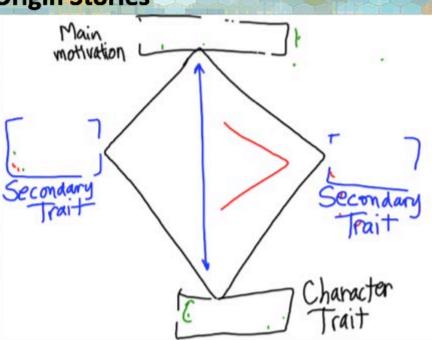
Character Name:

Alternate Identity, if any:



- Character Creation
 - * Creative Rights
 - * Origin Stories











Technique







- Digital Storytelling
 - * Digital Imaging
 - * Interactive Storyline









Success:Feedback Cycle



- Successful subject crossover
- Role-playing prompts for writing/illustration
- Writing from character's point of view
- Choices using d20 system
- Writing and speaking to enhance comic- narrative & dialogue

[note to educators-These scenarios are based on research done by students, who reported out after investigating reliable news sources. I turned these into mission opportunities for their original super-heroes to intervene. We then co-create stories, using a d20 mechanic:

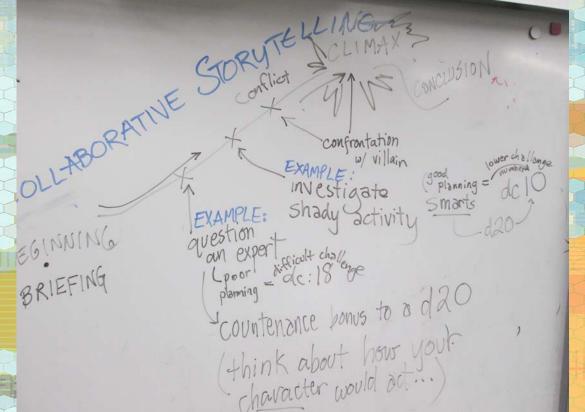
Difficulty Class

Some checks are made against a Difficulty Class (DC). The DC is a number set by the GM (using the skill rules as a guideline) that a character must attain to succeed.

Table: Difficulty Class Examples					
Difficulty (DC)	Example (Skill Used)				
Very easy (0)	Notice something large in plain sight (Spot)				
Easy (5)	Climb a knotted rope (Climb)				
Average (10)	Hear an approaching security guard (Listen)				
Tough (15)	Disarm an explosive (Demolitions)				
Challenging (20)	Swim against a strong current (Swim)				
Formidable (25)	Break into a secure computer system (Computer Use)				
Heroic (30)	Leap across a 30-foot chasm (Jump)				
Superheroic (35)	Convince the guards that even though you're not wearing an ID badge and aren't on their list, they should let you into the building (Bluff)				
Nearly impossible (40)	Track a trained commando through the forests of Brazil on a moonless night after 12 days of rainfall (Survival)				

at each plot pinch point, with the additional caveat of the student, and my villain(s), using their super powers. The students then use this interaction to move their comic book story along, adding original illustrations and text based on our working together.]

WHAM: Where Heroes are Made HOT: Heroes of Time



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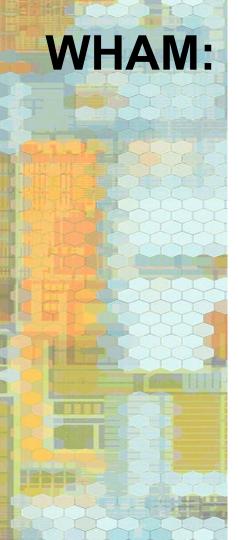


- Teacher intensive
 - Confidence RPG, game mastering, writing & illustrating
 - Rapid gear-changing
 - Retain momentum

WHAM: Where Heroes are Made- Other Solutions: KQED Learn, StoriumEdu.com

- Teacher
 - Writing
 - Rapid gear-changing
 - Retain momentum

All of these, you do anyway!

































Dominique, Simone Tuesday, October 23, 2012 10:54:28 AM Pacific Daylight Time 70:56:81:a9:79:3b

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This episode was co-produced with students from PBS Newshour Student Reporting Labs at Etiwanda High School in Rancho...

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Could You Become Addicted to Playing Video Games?

Discussion

Some experts think people can become addicted to playing video games, much in the same way people are addicted to physical substances, but is that really possible? If you are a gamer, what motivates you to play? How do you resist temptation when you need to? If you don't play video games, is there another behavior that you think it would be possible

Download Lesson Plan

Activity



41 Schools

finn b., Del Mar Middle (Tiburon, CA) 10/3/2018 at 10:53am

I believe that video games help with social skills a lot. Whenever I play any game, fortnite, rainbow six siege, or any multiplayer, I always play with friends. Over the discord, a free communication application that lets us talk, we always are talking with each other. When we aren't talking about the game we often talk about what is happening in our lives. Some of my friends from preschool went to different schools. Fortnite helps us stay in touch and because of how much we play together. This has led us to become better friends once again. It also has helped me make more friends that have turned out to be some of my best friends. It even has helped me in school. One time I was playing with my friend and he reminded me that we had a test the next day. I realized I had forgotten. So I studied for the test and got 100%.

Alexander M., Del Mar Middle (Tiburon, CA) 10/3/2018 at 10:48am

I agree that video games are addictive. We can play video games for hours at a time. This happens because video games offer so many different things to do. Almost every day these video games give new offers and updates to pull you in. Video games may be addictive but that doesn't mean that we should not be able to play them. All you have to do is find something else to do, there are hundreds of different things to do. Personally I would play Magic The Gathering or go biking outside. You may ask "How will I get myself outside when I am completely zoned out in my video games." All you have to do in order to get outside is set an alarm that says, go outside, get off the games, or do your homework. I hope this helps you all get off the games and realize how addictive games can be.

Getting Started

Do you need help getting started? Use these sentence frames to begin your response.

Code of Conduct

Be a good ambassador for your school and community.

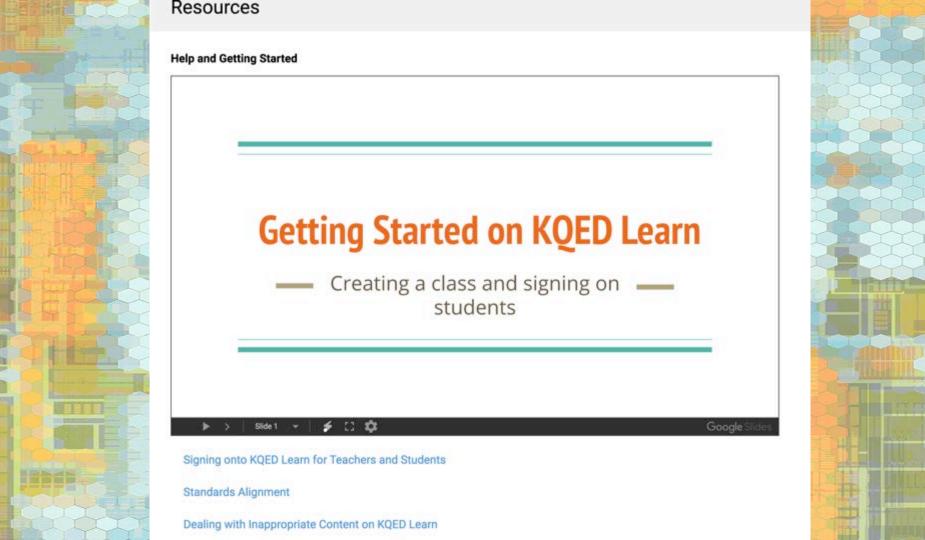
Welcome perspectives different from your own.

Be positive and assume positive intent by others.

Respond thoughtfully using evidence and cite your sources.

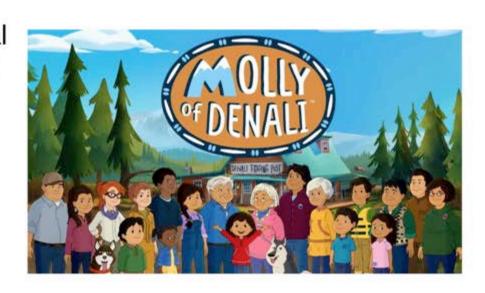
Use respectful language at all times.

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Thousands of free, high-quality media resources from PBS, local member stations like KQED and trusted educational partners. Resources are aligned to CCSS and national standards and include videos, interactives, audio, and in-depth lesson plans.



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Make connections!



StoriumEdu.com

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- Educator created
- Student engagement
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Creativity
- Game-based environment

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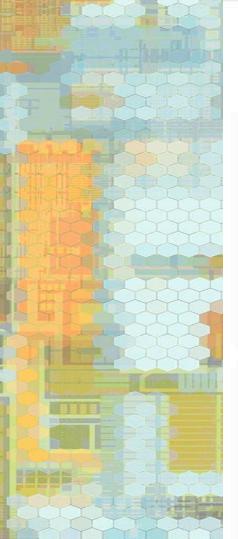


Your classrooms

Create a classroom

Classrooms are virtual spaces where students play and learn together. Students who share the same classroom can play together and read each other's stories.

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Wheel_C Trimester One	Manage



Storyworld library

This page lists all the storyworlds that teachers have created and shared for the community's benefit. If you find one you like you can make it available to your students by clicking on it and then clicking "Add to classrooms."

Q Search name, author, grade levels ("4th", "5th", etc) or subject areas



Young Adult Dystopia by StephenHood

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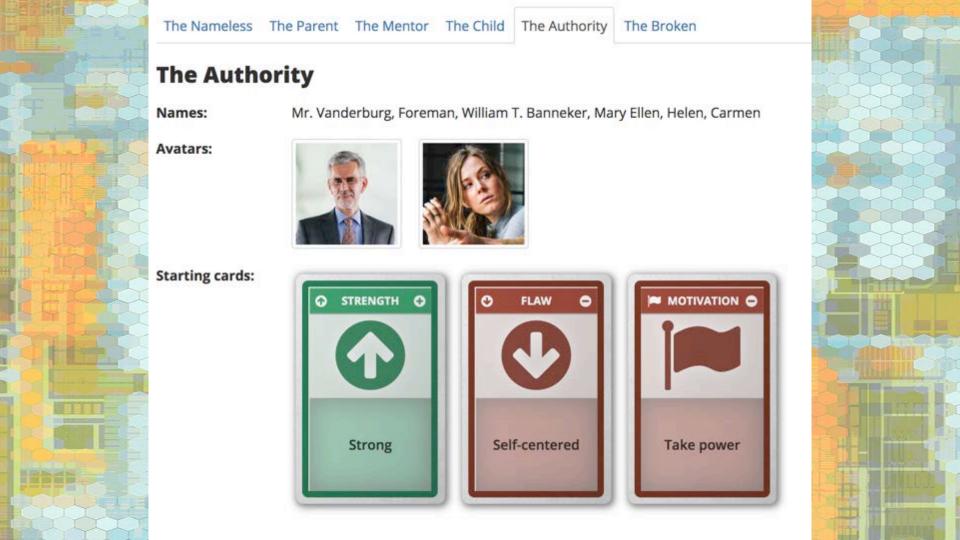
5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Morality

Ethics Dystopia Creative writing Young adult Fiction



Letters From Space: An Epistolary Astronaut Adventure by Price





Rain had been studying with the druid, Ereni, until the druid mysteriously stopped appearing at their village. She had learned a handful of spells, useful ones for her and her companions, Milen and Jes, as they all liked to travel in the wilds of the nearby mountains, the Teeth. She had known the two brothers since they were all young, but as the oldest, she exercised some degree of control over their impetuous misadventures. She hadn't seen Ereni in three moons, and had convinced Milen and Jes that their next trek would be to where she had last seen the friendly druid. The trio prepared for the quirky weather the Teeth was legendary for, especially as winter turned into spring.





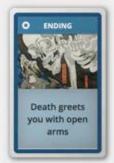
Tales of Feudal Japan

A short story started by Veikka using the Tales of Feudal Japan storyworld.









Current players:



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Jordan ● online now Jotaro Joestar • The Seasoned Warrior O words Reassign • Remove



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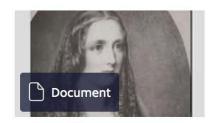


Frankenstein: Analyzing Creative Works of Fiction | The Great American Read

This lesson provides a basic introduction to the use of literary critical theory to analyze text. Students will explore how a...

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Mary Shelley's Frankenstein | In Search of the Novel: Teachers and Lesson Plans

Explore lesson plans for Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and background information about the educators featured in the video...

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Mary Shelley was a teenager when she was challenged to write a horror story. What resulted was the beginning of a story that...

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Margot Jones (daisyh) moved

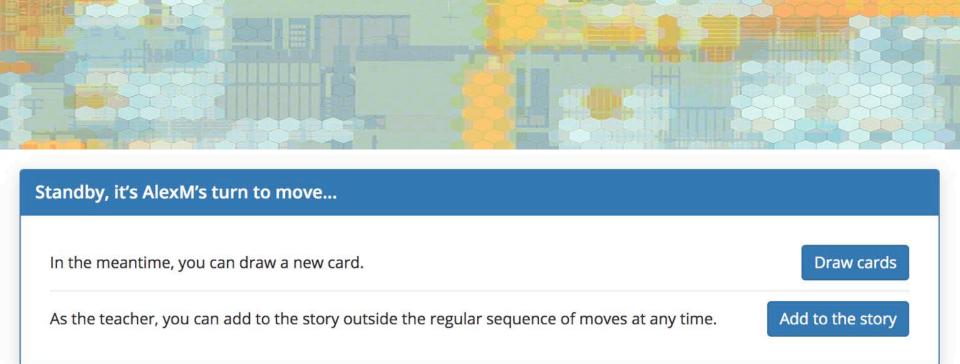




Jayson and Margo crawl through the tunnel. Halfway through, they come across a room. It felt cold and damp. There was paper taped to the walls. As they were exploring the tunnel, and all the paper graphs, Margo says casually, "This reminds me of my grandfather. He used to own a school, and he was always trying to find out the answer to the food poisoning." Jayson realized something, "My grandfather did that too," he answered. Margo flipped over some papers, "Benjamin J. Johnson," they say together. "Weird. That was my mom's

maiden name," Jayson says. "Mine too," Margo answers.

That was when they realized. They were cousins. "This. This is insane," Jayson says "Why didn't we know that before." Before Margo can answer, they hear a scraggy voice, "





Scene cards

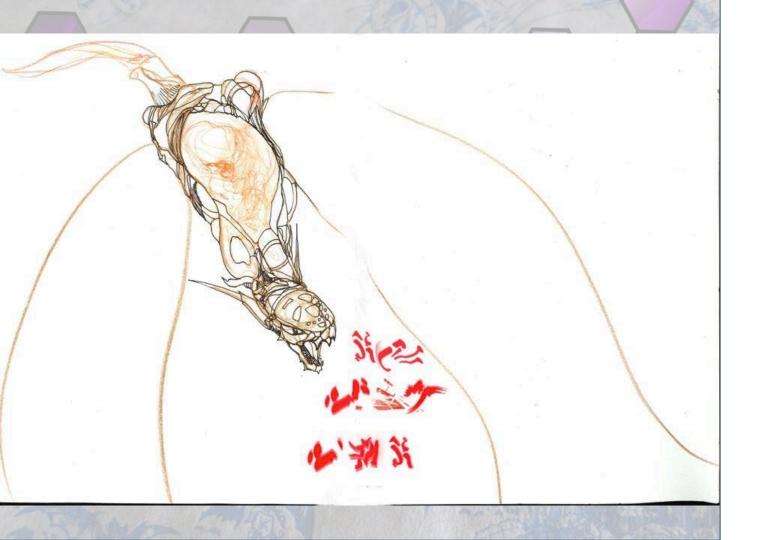




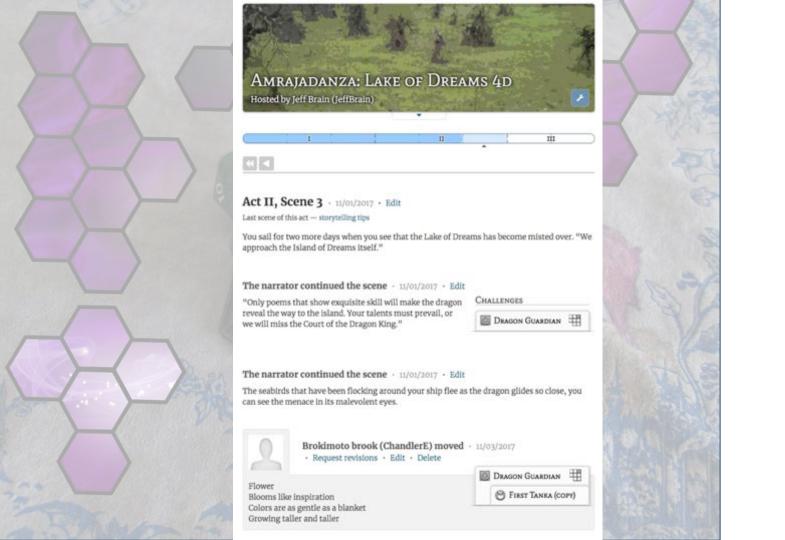


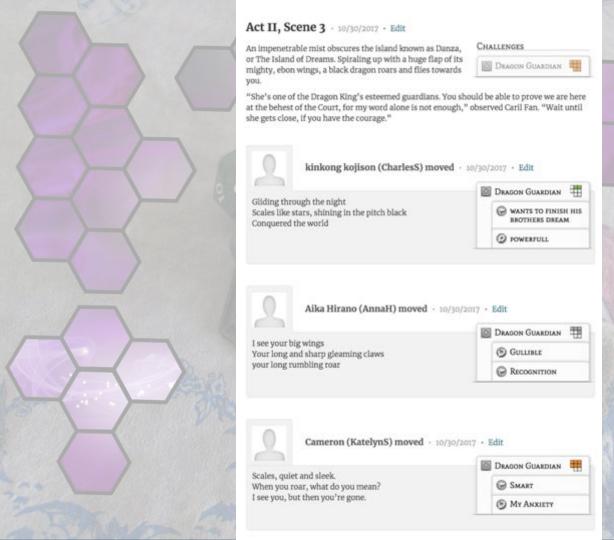












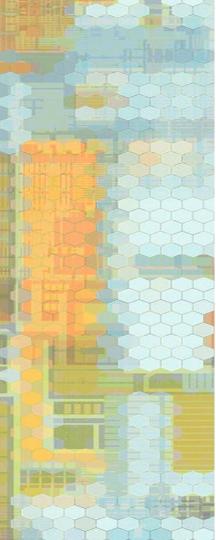


TSM_Myth (VaughanC) moved



I stand at the top of the mountain calling for the others to hurry up the mountain. But as I yell I start to fall backwards. I barely grab the edge of the mountain. I can't hold on much longer. Just as I am about to slip Dong grabs my hand. But our hands are started to sweat and he can't pull me up. I fall. But when I hit the ground almost halfway down the mountain I got up immediately. I stand up surprised that I am alive. I did not even have a scratch on me. I yell up to Dong to say that I am okay. He is relieved and he yells down to me that him and the others are going to make a plan on how to defeat the Order that is right in front of us. He also say that he thinks that I can't be hurt for some unexplainable reason.

Delete · Ask for changes · Edit



After the bodies from the opposing team had dropped, the realization finally hit Kris, Miles, and Kade. They were the last ones standing, however, a sacrifice was made. In the fights of all fights, Jaydon hauls his body in front of Kris milliseconds before the shot was fired. Everyone crowded around Jaydon, but no one had the experience to perform anything. Kris took the challenge and began to patch his wounds and disinfect his cuts. However, with all the procedures Kris tried, he was just too inexperienced to be performing these operations. Right before his death, as he reaches and grabs for Kris's hand, he says six words, "this challenge was worth the fight".



Ask for changes • Edit

Click button 1

When the "Ask for changes • Edit" button is selected, one of two windows open depending on which one is clicked:

Ask for changes to this move



This allows you to give feedback on a move and direct the student to revise it accordingly.

Nice start. Watch out for some of the grammar rules we've discussed in class: capitalization and punctuation. Please revise this entry before continuing.

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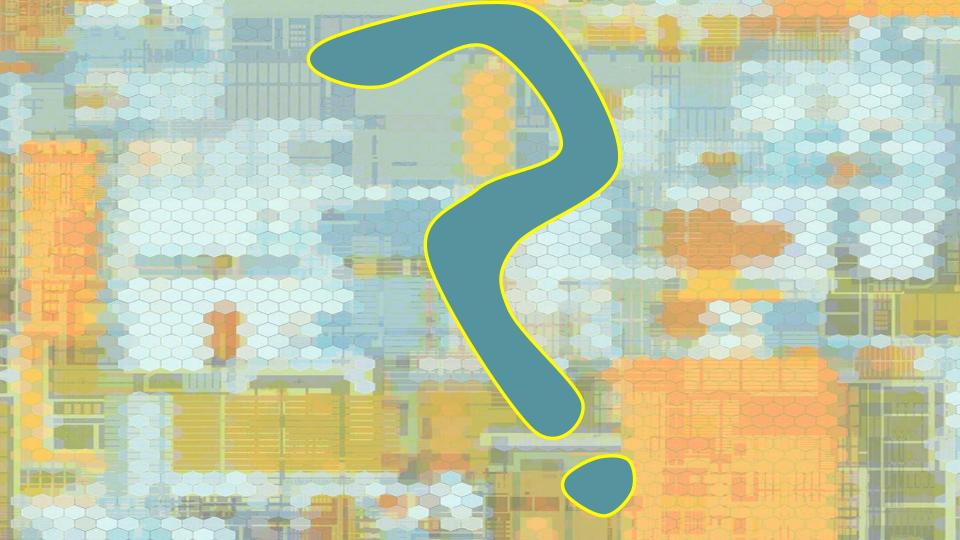




• Reflective Inspiration:

"Estimable is the ability to write in ancient style without being in discord with one's own time and to create modern art without going along with its shortcomings."





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