

## KEY IN-CLASS STUDENT ACTIVITY 1.2: DIFFERENTIATE AMONG GAME GENRES

### Lesson Objective 1.2:

Differentiate among game genres. Topics: fantasy, sports, role playing, card, board, First Person Shooter.

### Resources, software, and additional files needed for this lesson:

1. None

### Guiding questions:

1. **List various game genres.** Fantasy, sports, role playing, card, board, First Person Shooter, simulation, fighting.
2. **What makes them different from each other?** Answers may vary, but may include the following: gameplay, rules, goals, controls, and plot.
3. **What are some other characteristics of each genre?** A board game is played by moving around pieces on a board with marked spaces, usually against other players. A card game is played with playing cards that have specific meanings within the rules of the game. A fantasy game takes place in a magical or supernatural world. A fighting game involves two or more characters in combat with one another. A First Person Shooter (FPS) puts each player in the perspective of a character, using weapons to battle against other players or enemies. In a role-playing game, a player takes the role of one or many characters with specific skill sets and progresses through an adventure. A simulation game mimics reality. A sports game is a type of simulation game that mimics the rules and actions of a specific sport.

### Student activity:

#### Directions to the student:

Read the following scenario. Respond to the situation presented. Verify your answers with the instructor. Request assistance from the instructor as needed.

#### Scenario:

One day, while Erin was stocking shelves at Southridge Video, a customer interrupted her work to ask for a recommendation. Erin asked what genre of games the customer liked. The customer replied, "I love board games, card games, fantasy games, fighting games, First Person Shooter games, simulation games, and sports games." Obviously the customer loves games! Erin recognized immediately that the customer would be satisfied with a game that included several genres.

#### Content:

Respond to the customer by recommending a game that would have characteristics of two or more game genres. Describe the specific parts of the game that relate to each genre.

#### Sample Answer: (Answers may vary)

World of Warcraft combines aspects of fantasy and role-playing games. As a fantasy game, characters use magical powers and exist within a supernatural world of humans and creatures. As a role-playing game, players pick a character type and customize their characters. As they progress through the game, the characters' skills and traits become more developed.