

Games and Culture:

Politics, Pleasure and Pedagogy

Perspective: The Humanities

What does the study of culture teach us about games?

What do games teach us about the study of culture?

Questions

- What role do games play in culture?
(Huizinga, Caillois)
- What role does culture play in games?
How do games use culture?
How do they model culture?
- Can we use games to teach about culture and, if so, how?
- Can we teach on the role played by culture in ethnic, religious and national conflicts by using games?

Goal: students will be able to treat games as cultural products and discuss analytically the ways they model culture

Themes:

games and history

games and war

“serious” games vs. “fun” games

games and literature

games and local culture

games and social intervention

games, race and gender

short board/card games







VOTE TRACK



6 Players ---
2 Minions of Mordred

long board games



Production

1 Discontent - Be NOT Productive
 2 Farms Produce
 3 Consumption
 4 Mines Produce
 5 Corruption

Population Bank

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Supply

Worker Pool

Farm / Mine Urban Building

Military Unit



serious games



short(er) computer games





Israeli Prime Minister **2007-06-04**

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ISRAELI APPROVAL		PALESTINIAN APPROVAL	

GROUPS AND LEADERS

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POLLS

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NIGHT 9 07:50pm 10

BACKPACK
RUN TO EXIT

SCAVENGE

Pistol • Shovel

Shovel

THIS WAR OF MINE

Marko
Skilled Scavenger



long computer games



35 / 32





Lasers (3)

41
21 TARNÓW 4

2

3

Build Actions

Recommended:
Construct a Mine



WORKER

Movement 2/2

Cattle, Pasture
Grassland, River
3 2 2

A UNIT NEEDS ORDERS

