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### **Games and Multimedia Analysis**

Multimedia can be in many forms that include movies, websites, magazines, newspapers, video games, podcasts, and more. Sometimes you can define or analyze a form of media by its content and form. Form often refers to the technical, aesthetic, creative, or perspective-based aspects. Content often refers to what information or narrative it contains. Sometimes the form and content are intertwined.

When you watch or experience different forms of multimedia it can bring about different emotions and feelings. It may make you laugh, make you feel happy, you might get excited, you might get angry, or it might make you feel something else. At the same time, you may think about different things after or during your experience.

For example, I played the new Animal Crossing game for the Nintendo Switch. The game made me feel relaxed. This game does not feature violent content or any fast-paced gameplay. After playing it I was asking myself the question as to whether or not fast-paced or violent content is needed to make a "good video game".

For this assignment, you will create "A Visual Concept Map about the Game(s)"

In class, you will play a game as a group of 2-4 students. As you play, you will discuss the game. There will be a time limit of 20-30 minutes set for playtime. You are expected to play the same game together or at the same time.

This is a "Gameplay Media Analysis".

Use Google Docs or have one person fill out a poster paper.

Each person should use a different color

Discuss the games as deeply as you can.

Talk about gameplay, graphics, perspective, art style, feelings, emotions, roles, identity, likes, dislikes, how you communicate or use language in the game, what connections you can make to other media or games, and what is the narrative, story, or premise of the game.

Write your group members' opinions and ideas on one sheet of paper

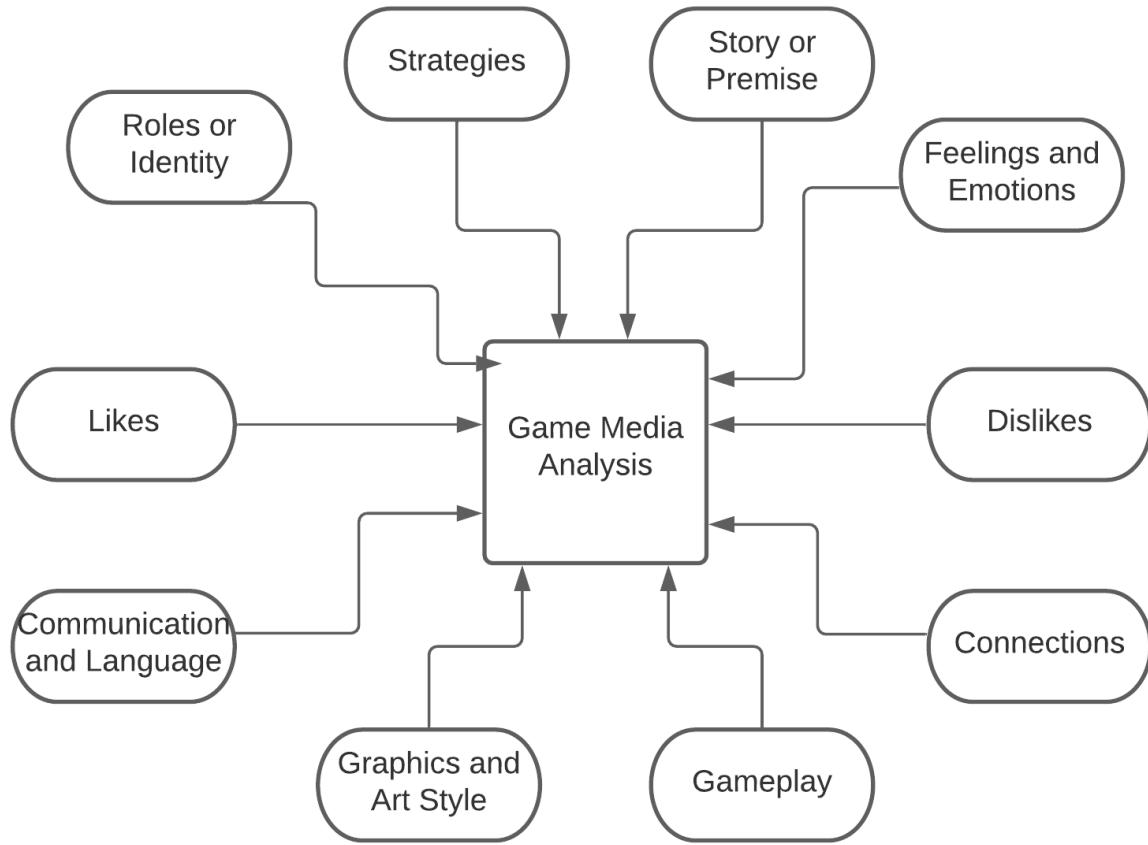
Organize your ideas in a logical, easy to read way (you may want to plan your organization before you start)

Possible Topics about the game:

feelings, actions, utterances, interactions, ideas during the game, real-world connections, questions about the game, strategies, descriptions, interpretations, labels, differences, similarities, connections, form and function, patterns, unique aspects, similar games, theme, art, rules, systems, likes/dislikes, changes you want to make, problems, + other topics you want to explore

It is important to write and consider why you chose the words that you did. Try to give reasons and examples.

There are some diagrams below to help you.



Examples of previous projects

