



Scrawled shortcuts through the research maze...

### **Why Video Games Matter**

#### **Encyclopedia of Children, Adolescents and the Media**

Does gaming improve coordination, image processing, etc. or does it rot the brain? Are gamers affected by violent/stereotypic content? How are high-risk kids affected?

**Reference 302.23083 E56e**

#### **St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture**

Read about the early (pre-2000) history of video games here.

**Reference 973.9 S143s or online under Resources by Title**

#### **Salem History**

What was the Arcade era like? What pre-*Grand Theft Auto* violent games triggered the creation of the ESRB? When did "God games" like SimCity come in?

**Online under Resources by Title**

#### **ACM Digital Library**

Our Association for Computing Machinery database covers subjects from game design to "grouping in world of warcraft" and "percussive gestural interface" for music.

**Online under Resources by Title**

#### **Encyclopedia of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Technology (2005)**

How did we get from text-based "MUDS" to Everquest and WOW? Lots of tech here:

<http://www.credoreference.com.ezproxy.drew.edu/book/routt>

#### **Contemporary Youth Culture: An International Encyclopedia**

As generations turn, video games are no longer a youth speciality, but see here for an analysis of "Youth Culture and Video Games"

**Online Credo:** <http://www.credoreference.com.ezproxy.drew.edu/book/gwyouth>

#### **McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology**

Looking for a definition of "adventure games"? Look under video games, but also check out Virtual Reality and Human Computer Interaction.

**Reference 503 M147**

#### **Proquest Research Library**

Books on video games age fast; check out Proquest and Academic Search for articles on the cultural effects of Playstation Move as well as WoW, the Xbox, and the Wii.

**Online under Resources by Subject**

#### **Daedalus Project: MMPORGs**

Research by a Stanford PhD student on players of Massively Multiplayer games.

[http://www.nickyee.com/daedalus/arch\\_cat.php](http://www.nickyee.com/daedalus/arch_cat.php)

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**Drew University Library:** <http://www.drew.edu/depts/library.aspx>