

# Game Design



Research Paper for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

# What?



- ❧ Analyzes a perspective
- ❧ Presents Your Own Thinking
  - ❧ Backed up by Others Ideas and Information







A card titled "RESEARCH" with two questions: "What do you want to learn more about?" and "What do you want to help others understand?". The card has a white header with a logo and the word "EXPLORE", a red body with the title and questions, and a white footer with "E1" and "GAME DESIGN TOOL KIT".

**EXPLORE**

## RESEARCH

What do you want to learn more about?

What do you want to help others understand?

**E1** GAME DESIGN TOOL KIT

Biologist helping Ari with  
research for The Luco Knights  
MIT Game Jam





EXPLORE

## RESEARCH

What vocabulary, definitions and facts are critical to understanding your topic?

E9 GAME DESIGN TOOL KIT

This slide is titled "RESEARCH" and focuses on identifying key vocabulary, definitions, and facts. It is part of the "GAME DESIGN TOOL KIT" and is labeled "E9". The slide features a red header with the "EXPLORE" logo and a large red central area containing the text.

EXPLORE


## RESEARCH

What processes and procedures are important to grasping your topic?

E10 GAME DESIGN TOOL KIT

This slide is titled "RESEARCH" and focuses on identifying important processes and procedures. It is part of the "GAME DESIGN TOOL KIT" and is labeled "E10". The slide features a red header with the "EXPLORE" logo and a large red central area containing the text.



 DISCOVER

## LEARNING GOALS

What do you want players to learn?

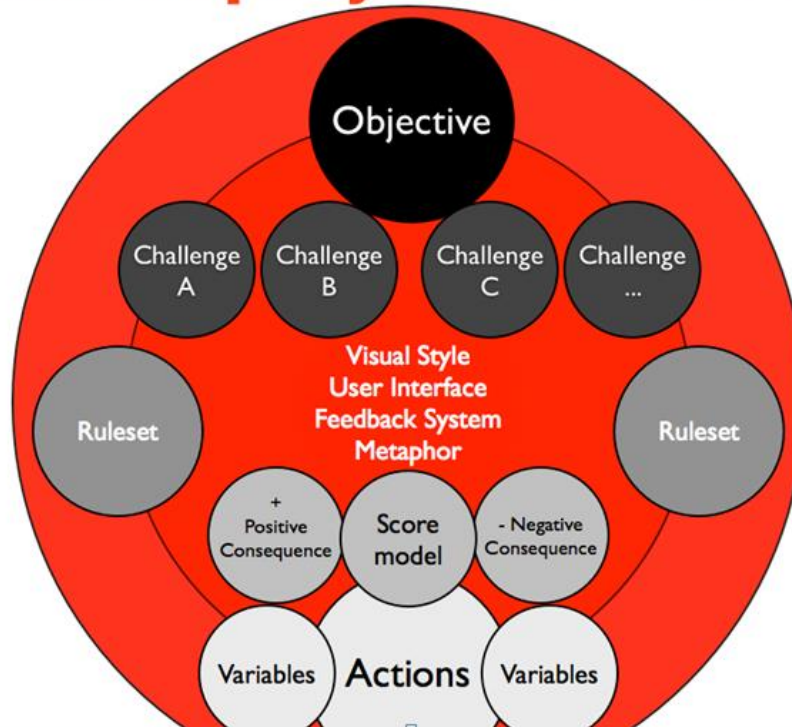
What's the target age/grade?

D1 GAME DESIGN TOOL KIT



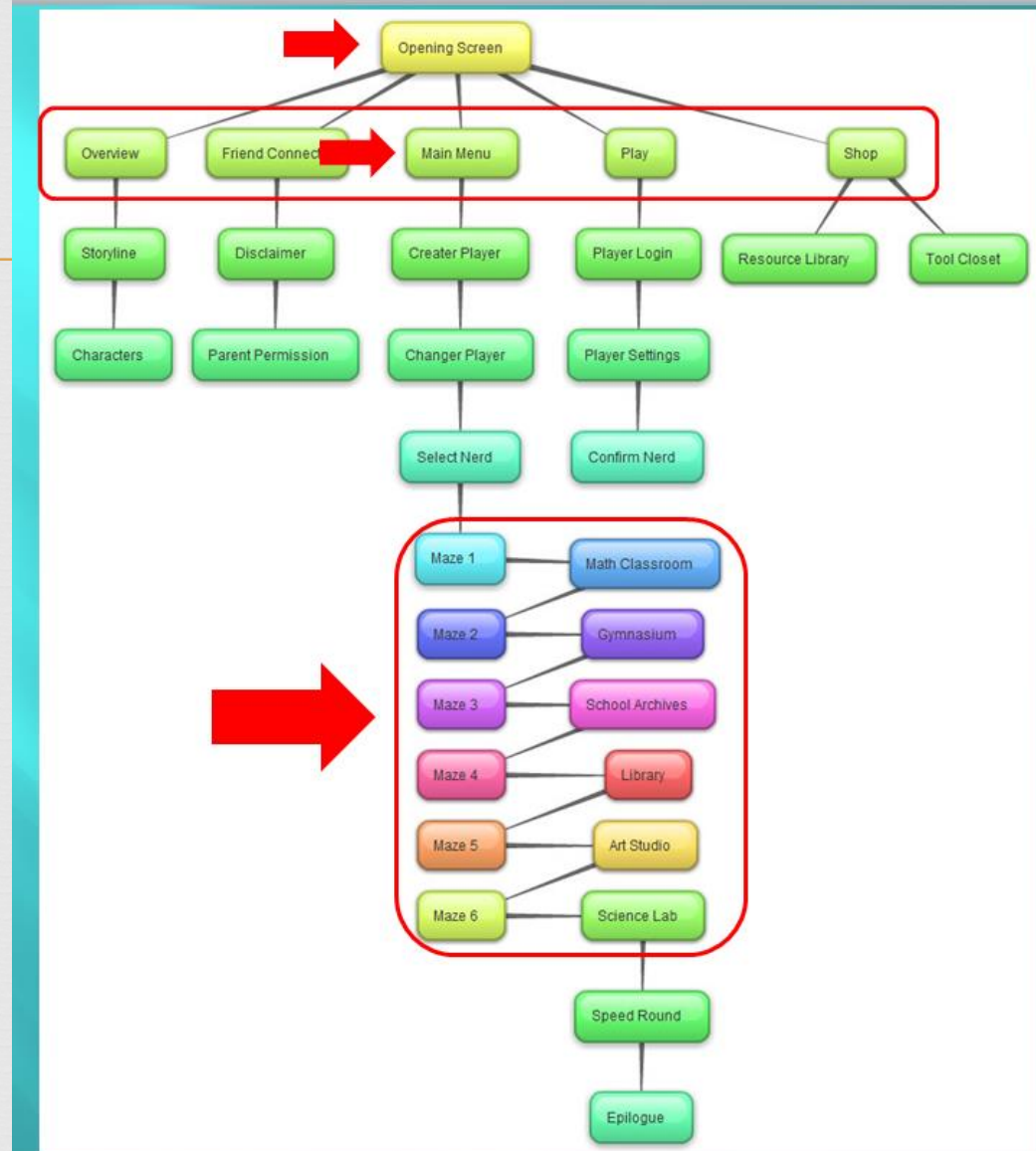


# Gameplay mechanics





Game Flow  
This was  
created by  
Middle Schools  
Students.



Discover

# Sample Characters



**Kimmie the Karate Girl**



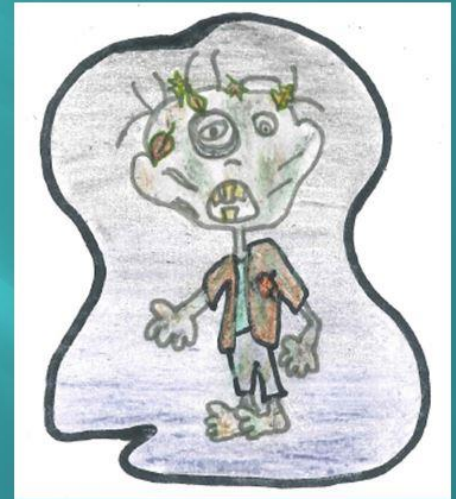
**Greg the Gamer**



**Ned the Neat Freak**



**Becca the Bookworm**



**Standard Male Zombie**

*The entire collection of characters can be found in the Resource Journal.*

Create



## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TEST?

How will play testing answer your questions about the design?

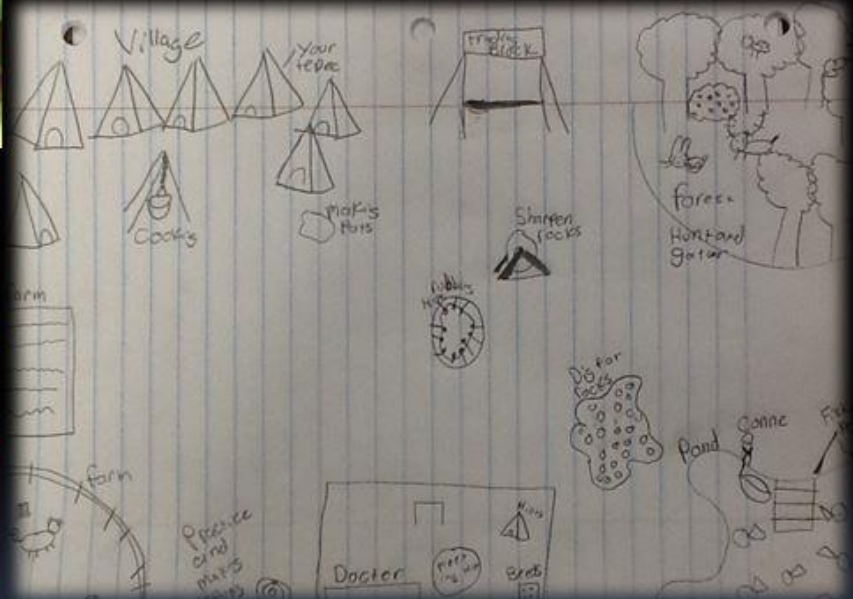
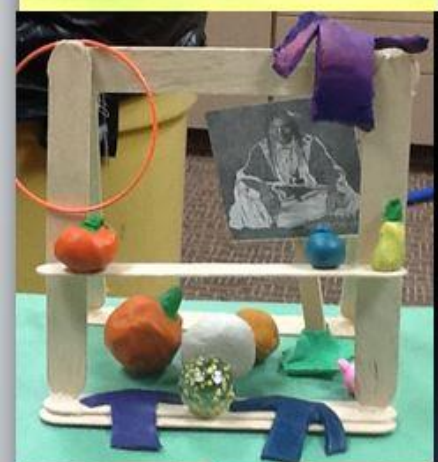
What questions do you want to answer by producing a prototype?

C1

GAME DESIGN TOOL KIT



# Original Sketches and Art created for Prototype



# Miscellaneous Issues

The hardest part of the design process was collaboration with each other in a short amount of time. With our school schedule this year we only had 5 weeks with 40 minutes classes to work on this project. As we began researching we all had a lot of ideas that we wanted to include in the game. We had to focus our discussions on the level of the game that we would use for our prototype so that we could get a prototype complete. We really wanted our prototype to look and feel like the real game therefore we spent a lot of time researching & creating objects in our game for the players to use so that it would be interactive. Although the board prototype was fine and everyone played with ease, it will be a lot better as a video game. We think teachers & students would like it best as an iPad app, however we do not have the technology skills or knowledge yet to allow us to create a video game. As we get older and learn more about creating apps, we think it would be a lot of fun to create this game



Prototyping  
The Luco  
Knights (white  
blood cell game)  
MIT Game Jam





SHARE

## WHAT IS YOUR FINAL DELIVERABLE?

Will it be a formal game design document or functional specification?  
Poster or flyer?  
Class presentation?

S1

GAME DESIGN TOOL KIT