

ATEC 3353 DELIVERABLE 1: PROFESSIONAL VIDEO GAME REVIEW

DUE DATE _____ PERCENTAGE OF GRADE _____

Assignment: To compose a magazine-style review of a current commercial VIDEO game. Note: Magazines have their own style and tone -- and this is the only paper you might use “first person” tense with depending on what you choose later and the standards of the magazine, but you should observe and mimic the tone appropriate to the guidelines of the magazine.

Before you start writing: Play a current commercial game! Try to choose one in a genre you're VERY familiar with. Those of you with short games, please complete them; those of you with longer games, get at least 10 hours in.

Your paper must abide by the guidelines established by the magazine your review is to be submitted to as well as those below. (Note: this is a simulation - you will not actually be submitting to the magazine, since they have prerequisites prior to submission you have not met.)

TOPIC: REVIEW OF A CURRENT COMMERCIAL GAME

LENGTH: 1,500 WORD FEATURE ARTICLE (approx. 3 pages double spaced @12pt. font)

FORMAT: AP FORMAT

The Associated Press (Not to be confused with APA) was founded in 1848 as a cooperative effort among six New York newspapers that wished to pool resources for gathering international news. Now in its sixth edition, the Stylebook is the standard style guide for most U.S. newspapers, magazines and public relations firms. Numerous online sources contain quick and easy style guides for The Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual, Sixth Trade Edition. (NOTE: What you see on the website or in the magazine is NOT the format for submission. Don't guess, look it up!)

CONSULT THE ATTACHED “SUBMISSION GUIDELINES” & “STYLE GUIDE”

e.g.: “For each issue, we commission four 1,500 word feature articles about the topic assigned in the editorial calendar. We expect articles to be well-written and thoroughly researched. If subjects are interviewed, we expect to be able fact check these sources. If quotes are pulled from other sources, we expect them to be cited. Links are sufficient for most citations, but it is the editor's discretion as to whether these links will be published. We prefer not to heavily pepper our articles with links as we believe it diminishes the writer's voice. We also prefer that sources other than Wikipedia be used whenever possible (and it is always possible).”

-The Escapist Magazine