

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Maisie will be able to read and analyze game reviews effectively, enhancing her comprehension skills and critical thinking abilities. She will learn to identify key elements of a review, understand the structure of opinions, and articulate her thoughts on the games discussed.

Materials and Prep

- Access to a computer or tablet with internet connection.
- Notepad and pen for taking notes.
- List of popular game review websites (e.g., IGN, GameSpot, Metacritic).
- Familiarity with basic game genres (e.g., action, RPG, simulation).

Activities

1. Review Exploration:

Maisie will explore different game reviews on selected websites. She will choose one game that interests her and read at least two different reviews. This will help her see different perspectives and writing styles.

2. Key Elements Identification:

After reading the reviews, Maisie will create a list of key elements found in the reviews, such as gameplay, graphics, story, and overall impression. This will help her understand what makes a review comprehensive.

3. Write Your Own Review:

Maisie will write her own review of a game she has played recently. She will use the key elements identified earlier to structure her review, encouraging her to express her opinions clearly.

4. Peer Review Session:

Maisie will share her review with a family member or friend and ask for feedback. This will allow her to see how others perceive her writing and where she can improve.

Talking Points

- "What do you think makes a game review interesting? Is it the writer's opinion, the details about the game, or something else?"
- "When reading reviews, pay attention to how the reviewer describes the gameplay. What words do they use? Are they positive or negative?"
- "Why do you think it's important to read multiple reviews? Can different opinions help you form your own?"
- "Think about your favorite game. What aspects would you highlight in your review? What makes that game special to you?"
- "How can feedback from others improve your writing? What specific advice are you hoping to get from your peer review?"