

Reading: Steven Poole, The Origin of Species

Focus on either of these questions:

1. How closely can and should video games recreate the real world?
2. Are video game genres becoming more distinct, or are they merging?

Write a cogent, well-reasoned response to the above reading. After a brief summary of the article, make a claim in response to the questions above. Be sure to use quotations from the article to support your claim (“thesis”). Your 150 – 250 word, typed essay must be electronically submitted (see below).

TIPS:

- After briefly summarizing the important points of the reading, make a claim (an “argument”) about something you find particularly memorable or effective.
- Back up your claim about the piece by using specific evidence from the text itself to support your claim. Quote something, and explain what it means.
 - Try to comment analytically and with insight on the content and/or the structure of the piece.
- SUSTAIN an idea you have in response to the reading and explain why you find it so.

**DUE: Wednesday, October 3
8 p.m.**

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