Critical Questioning

# Topic: Video Games

| History | Structure | Categories |
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| Why/How was your topic invented or created? How was the creation of video games related to tabletop  games?  How do video games fit into the  larger history of games? Have  they always been popular or  are they more popular now?  How or why is that?  How does the history of  computers relate? What is your topic’s history? When was the first video  game? How was it created?  Where was it created? | How does your topic fit into the context of a larger structure or system? How do video games fit within the larger society as a hobby? What about the entertainment industry? Are people playing video games instead of engaging in other forms of entertainment or media? What does the future look like for entertainment? What about VR? Will VR move from video games and entertainment to other areas of society? How do its parts fit together as a system? What does it take to get a video game to market? What are the stages of development? What types of jobs are needed? What types of funding or marketing are involved? Who are the big companies? What is an indie developer? What types of platforms work best for different types of games? | How can your topic be grouped into kinds? What different types of games are there? What is the difference between the platforms like computers, consoles, handhelds, mobile? Is one type more entertaining or profitable? Are some more popular in different parts of the world, and if so, why? What about video games designed for mental health benefits? How does your topic compare to and contrast with others like it? Are video games played differently or designed differently in other parts of the world? Do different languages or cultures cause video games to be designed differently? How? Why do some video games work better in education than others? |

Notes

Don't worry about grammar or types of sentences. Brainstorming means all thoughts are valid!

Branching off from the main topic to explore new areas is encouraged!

"Kinds" can mean a wide variety of different groupings. There are no rules here.

Sometimes the question frame doesn't fit your topic exactly. That's okay!

The idea is to get you to explore your topic in different ways. Feel free to go where your mind wanders.