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This article discusses the issue of using Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Video Games into great learning tools. The authors note that games have a history for instructional purposes, and have been found to be a valuable instructional practice. It also gives a list of proposals for instruction and learning for the educator.

Synopsis

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[In the second paragraph describe what they did or what happened (in a research article this is called the *methodology* . Be sure to end with a transition word or sentence to lead into analysis of your paper. Triple click anywhere in this paragraph to begin typing.]

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Analysis

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Conclusion

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