Board Game Assessment

Title______________________________________Tech Needs____________________
Cost___________________ Source_______________________________

Category: Classic / Party / Storytelling / Trivia / Roll ‘n’ Write / Tile / Other______

Reading: None Minimal Significant  Teaching: Out of Box Self-Teach Facilitation

Audience: Socializers / Family / Educators / New Gamers / Hobbyists / Creative Types

Age Target: Young / Elementary / Teens / Family / Adults / Mature Content

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In House Use Considerations

SUITED TO USE: (Avoid) 1 2 3 (Superior)

READING LEVEL: None / Minimal  ACCESSIBILITY: Out-of-the-Box / Self-Teach
LOSS RESISTANCE: Low / Moderate / High  TECH NEEDS: None / App / Internet

Circulation Considerations

SUITED TO USE: (Avoid) 1 2 3 (Superior)

LOSS RESISTANCE: Low / Moderate / High  STORAGE NEEDS None / Original Insert / Containers
TECH NEEDS? Yes / No  CONTENT: Mature?  SOURCE: General Retailer / Hobby Store

Programming Collection Considerations

SUITED TO USE: (Low Utility) 1 2 3 (High Utility)

READING LEVEL: None / Minimal / High  ACCESSIBILITY: Out-of-the-box / Facilitated
# PLAYERS: 2+ / 4+ / Team Play Suitable  LENGTH: Under 30 / 30-60 / 60-120 minutes
ADAPTIVE: Linguistic Age Scaling Physical Scale Game Length Goal Other_____________________

Programming Tie-ins____________________________________________________________________
Quick Start Guide

For when you can’t test it yourself
Friendly Local Game Stores (FLGS)

Websites

The Nerd Store (Greeley)  970-978-4275  
Haunted Game Café (Fort Collins)  970-402-2466  
Black and Read Books (Arvada)  303-467-3236  
Rogue’s Roost (Loveland)  970-619-8586  
The Wizard’s Chest (Denver)  303-321-4304  

Gamer’s Haven (Colorado Springs) 719-531-9863  
Chaos Games and More (Pueblo) 719-542-1237  
Board Fox Games and Coffee (Grand Junction) 970-208-4071  
Muse Comics and Games (Colorado Springs) 719-573-7096  
Total Escape Games (Broomfield) 303-482-1829

www.BoardGameGeek.com (aka, “The Geek”)

The Geek is great for identifying the true age range of a game. Also, go into the rankings and look at the below-average review comments; that will give you a hint about potential problems.

http://www.ala.org/rt/gamert/tabletop

Links and starter lists for different game types, as well as purchase suggestions. Computer & video lists, too.

Podcasts

Dice Tower: This is the main gamer podcast. Try their Miami Dice segments because they briefly teach the game and have 3 reviewers. Reviews by Zee Garcia are usually straightforward and well organized.

Five By: Quick reviews—the 25-minute videos review five games each.

Man vs. Meeple: They don’t do too many negative reviews, but their channel is well produced.

Rahdo: Main method is to do a play through and then give a brief “final thoughts.”

Game boy geek  
Shut up and sit down  
No Pun Included

ListServ and Groups

GameRT—Official ALA roundtable list.

League of Librarian Gamers Facebook Group—get on here to ask questions, see reviews, and more.

Award Winners

Spiel des Jahres—Look at the winners and past nominees. There are lots of categories, and too few awards.
Suggested Games

**Storytelling / Improv**
- Once Upon a Time...
- RPG games (D&D, Pathfinder....)
- Snake Oil
- Super Fight

**Coding/Instruction Writing**
- Colt Express
- Robo Rally (new or vintage)
- Robot Turtles

**Hobby Gateway**
- Carcassonne
- Downfall of Pompeii
- Pandemic
- Settlers of Catan
- Splendor
- Ticket to Ride
- Tiny Towns

**Educational**
- 7 Days in Europe/Africa/USA
- Diplomacy
- Trekking Through the National Parks

**Dexterity Games**
- Jenga
- Jishaku
- Bellz
- Safranito
- Suspend

**Social Play/ Party Games**
- Apples to Apples
- Bananagrams
- Encore
- Ghost Blitz
- Mad Gab
- One Night Werewolf
- Pit
- Spot It!
- Telestrations
- Uno

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**Other**
- Choose Your Own Adventure Games
- Munchkin
- Mysterium
- Railroad Ink
- Set
- Space Cadets Dice Duel
- Unlock! Escape games

**Much More Betterer Purchasing Sources**

**Friendly Local Game Stores**
Support your local businesses! More expensive, but also much more betterer. Ask if they have a used section, or old demos.

**Game Publishers**
Contact the publishers directly. They may have a discount purchasing option for libraries, or be willing to send free / demo copies.

**CoolStuffInc.com**
Cool stuff for cheap. Regular sales on games, tremendous variety of titles, plus supplies and parts for games.

**Amazon.com**
What do you need to know? It’s Amazon. It sells everything. It’s cheap. It’s a corporate behemoth trying to crush your FLGS.
Thanks for checking out the library’s board game!

Please fill out this information—it will help us to select new games in the future.

How many times was the game used? ____ How many total players? ____

Was there a problem (missing pieces, damage) with the game? Yes / No

What was the reason for your checkout? (circle one)

Known Game      Considering Purchase      Educational Use      Other

Is there another game we should have?___________________________________________