



ECONOMIC POWER

GAMING FOR GOOD



INTRODUCTION

Today, we will:

- * Analyze how responsible decision-making influences success in gaming and real life.
- * Collaborate with peers to design a video game concept that includes ethical choices.
- * Reflect on how personal character and values guide decisions that lead to positive outcomes.



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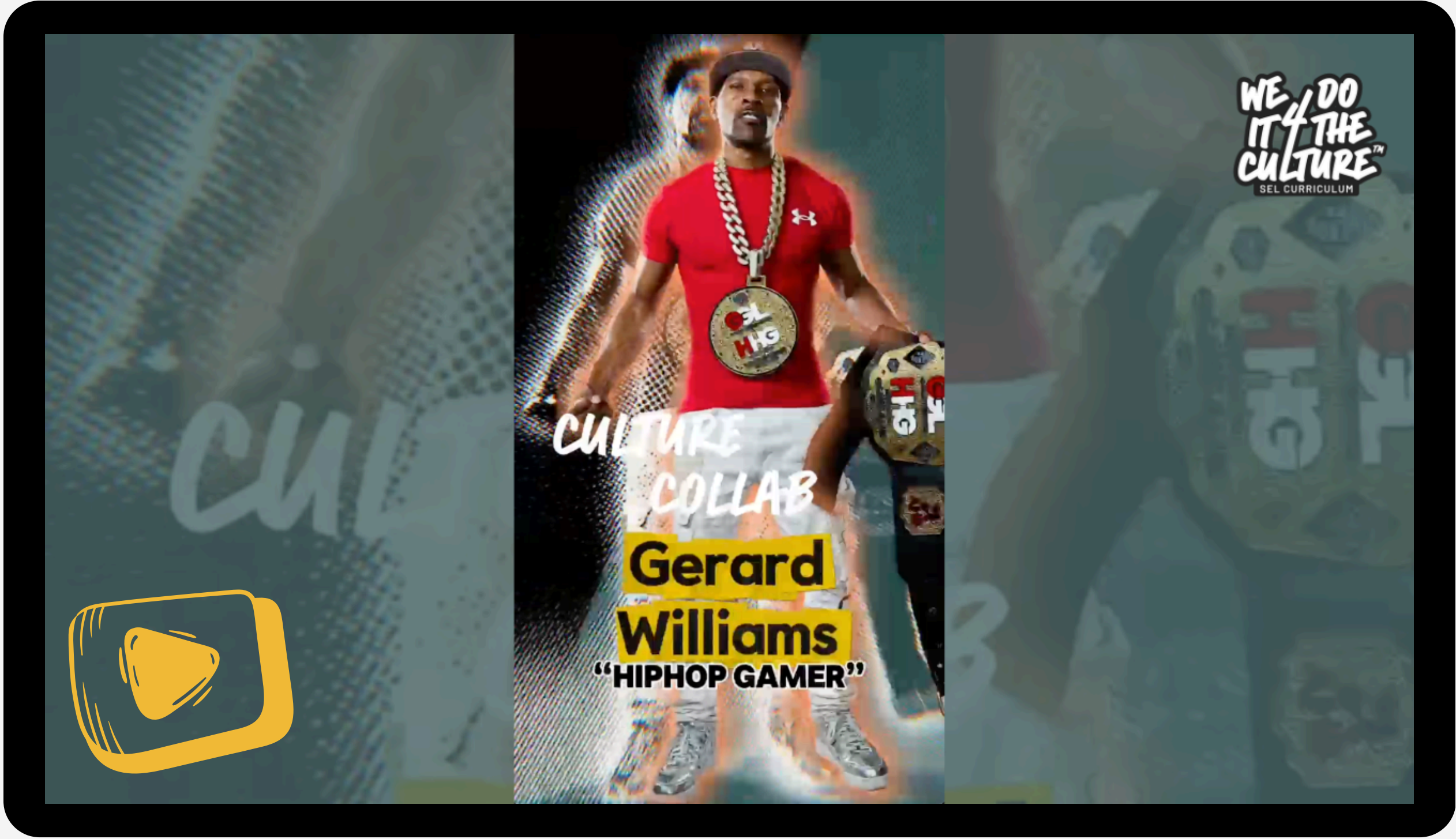


Today, we will practice **responsible decision making** skills by considering choices in gaming that have consequences and understanding ethics in gaming.



CULTURE COLLAB

WATCH A VIDEO





ICEBREAKER

TURNING PLAY INTO PAY



ICEBREAKER

>>> GET MOVING!

TURNING PLAY INTO PAY

How can gaming teach us about money, choices, and character?



TURNING PLAY INTO PAY

LET'S MAKE SOME CHOICES!

You'll hear a few real-life scenarios. After each one, move to:



Play side

Short-term fun



Pay side

long-term gain



TURNING PLAY INTO PAY

SCENARIO 1

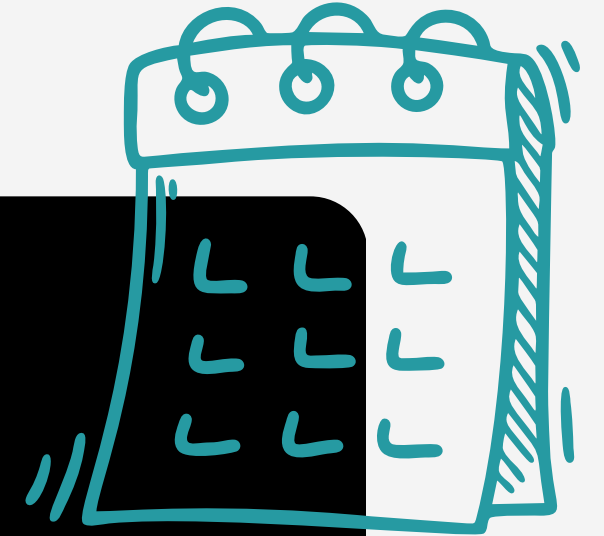
Your group is working on a game pitch due tomorrow. One teammate isn't contributing but wants equal credit.

Do you speak up to your teacher about fairness, or let it slide to avoid tension?



TURNING PLAY INTO PAY

SCENARIO 2



You've been asked to lead a community gaming event, but it falls on the same day as your cousin's graduation.

Do you keep your commitment and lead the event, or step back and attend the family milestone?



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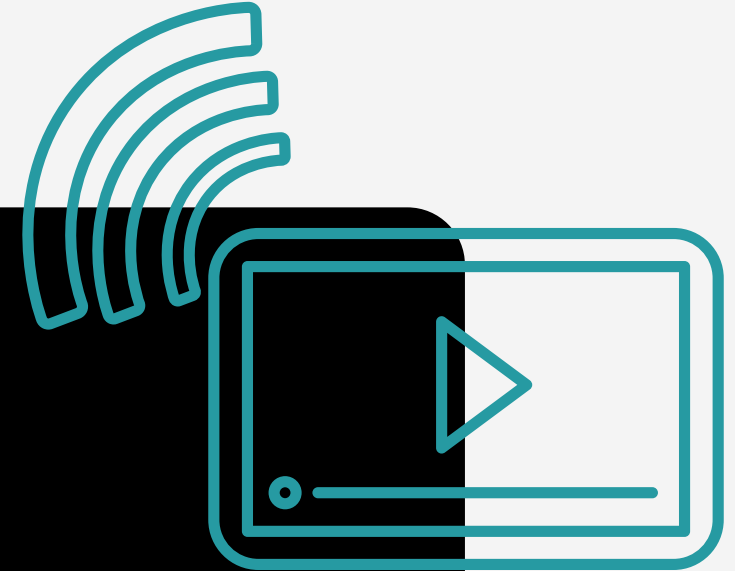
SCENARIO 3

Your gaming channel suddenly gains 1,000 new followers. A company offers you free merch to promote their product, but you've never used it.

Do you accept the deal for quick exposure, or turn it down to protect your credibility?



TURNING PLAY INTO PAY



SCENARIO 4

You promised your team you'd finish editing your group project tonight—but your favorite streamer just went live with an exclusive event.

Do you join the stream and finish the project later, or stay focused and reward yourself afterward?





TURNING PLAY INTO PAY

- What influenced your choices?
- How do these decisions connect to real life and financial goals?
- How does responsible decision-making show up in gaming and life?





TURNING PLAY INTO PAY

RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING

- * Thinking about the consequences of your actions
- * Making choices that reflect your values
- * Balancing what feels good now with what's good later





LESSON PART ONE

YOUR INNER COMPASS



LESSON: PART ONE



DEFINITION



YOUR INNER COMPASS

ETHICAL

Ethical means doing what's right, even when it's hard or when no one is watching. It's about making choices that are fair, honest, and kind — not just what's easy or benefits you most.

You can think of ethics as your “**inner compass**” that helps you decide what kind of person you want to be.





YOUR INNER COMPASS

"THIS OR THAT" ETHICAL QUESTIONS

We'll review examples of ethical questions.

Raise your hands to indicate which option you would choose.



LESSON: PART ONE



TALK ABOUT IT



YOUR INNER COMPASS

ONLINE KINDNESS VS. CLOUT

Would you post a funny video that might embarrass someone — or skip posting it even if it would get lots of likes?





YOUR INNER COMPASS

AI HELP VS. HONESTY

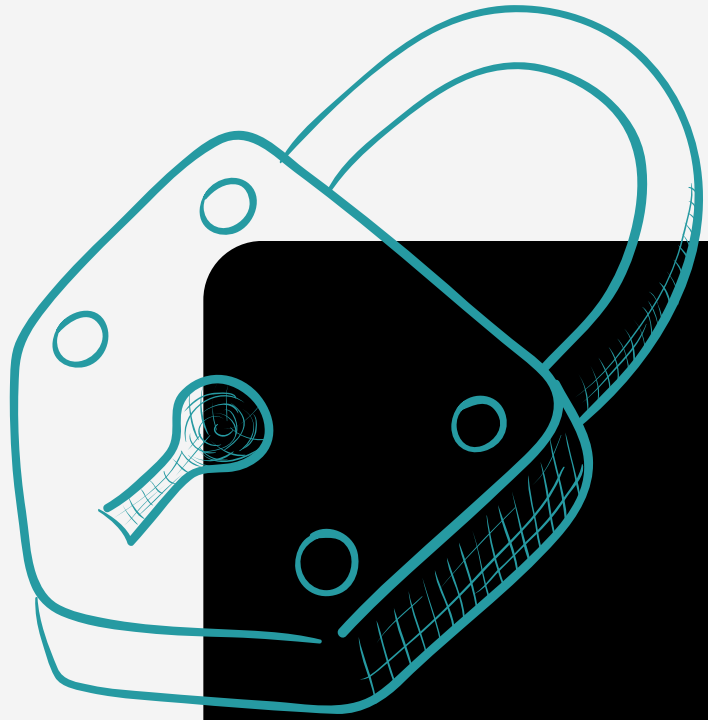
Would you use an AI tool to finish your homework and not tell the teacher — or do it yourself, even if it takes longer?



LESSON: PART ONE



TALK ABOUT IT



YOUR INNER COMPASS

PRIVACY VS. POPULARITY

Would you share a friend's secret in a group chat to seem funny — or keep it private even if everyone's laughing?



LESSON: PART ONE



TALK ABOUT IT



YOUR INNER COMPASS

EFFORT VS. EASY WIN

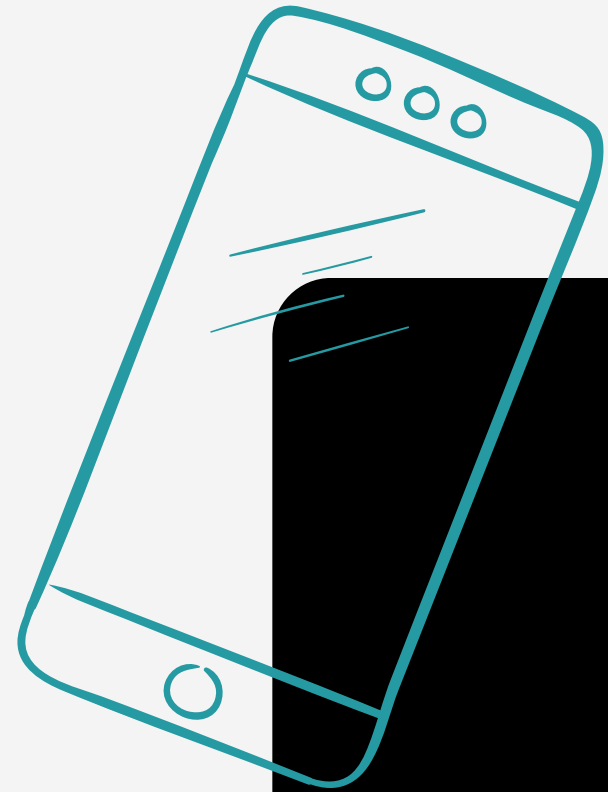
Would you copy a design for your class project from the internet — or create your own idea, even if it's not perfect?



LESSON: PART ONE



TALK ABOUT IT



YOUR INNER COMPASS

REAL CONNECTION VS. SCREEN TIME

Would you scroll on your phone while hanging out with friends — or put it down to be fully present?



LESSON: PART ONE



YOUR INNER COMPASS

Watch how HipHopGamer turns gaming into a way to teach youth about money, values, and purpose.

“Character is your currency. The value is always in who you are.”
— HipHopGamer



LESSON: PART ONE



TALK ABOUT IT



YOUR INNER COMPASS

In your group of 4, discuss:

- What does HipHopGamer mean by “character is your currency”?
- How would you bring your character into a video game design?





LESSON PART TWO

GAME DESIGN



GAME DESIGN

Your Mission: Design a video game that shows responsible decision-making.

Include:

- Game genre, platform, and story hook
- One ethical or financial decision players must make





GAME DESIGN

EXAMPLE GAME: BUDGET BOSS

Players earn money through mini-games and must decide how to spend it—buying quick upgrades for fun or saving to build their own business.

Each choice affects their long-term success. How would you design your version to show the impact of smart or risky decisions?





GAME DESIGN

EXAMPLE GAME: CORPORATE COMMUNITY

A narrative adventure in which the player is a community leader.

You must decide whether to accept a sponsorship (money) from a controversial corporation. You can develop your idea quickly but risk public backlash or environmental damage.



LESSON: PART TWO



ACTIVITY

GAME DESIGN

BE READY TO PRESENT

- * Game name + story idea
- * The key decision players face
- * What lesson your game teaches about responsible choices

