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Throughout this article, the concept of minimalism is clearly expressed. The relatively simplistic diction and usage of concrete examples make the paper very easy to read for any audience. This paper is a response to a longer paper written by K. Squire. Pleasant uses many of McCarthy's tips on writing. For example the diction throughout the response is a perfect example of McCarthy's first point: using minimalism to achieve clarity. The minimalism allows anyone, anywhere to understand the contents of the response. The usage of minimalism also allows Pleasant to be able to use another of McCarthy's points: the point of keeping each paragraph to only one point. During the first paragraph, Pleasant simply introduced the paper she was responding to. During the next few paragraphs, she analyzes each of Squire's main points in using video games in learning. She mentions how video games are able to enable the "intellectual and social growth of the participant". The constant overlapping of content and social interactions allows the user to constantly be stimulated by the benefits of video games. Lastly, the lack of clunky footnotes at the end of each page and the lack of repetition of the same few words allow the reader to be able to read more quickly without any distraction(s). In conclusion, Pleasant's response to Squire's *Video Games and Learning* has represented a handful of techniques shown by Savage and Yeh. These techniques have allowed Pleasant to provide a simple and concise response to Squire's impactful passage.

Sources

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