Milestone 1 Playtesting

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Games I Play Tested:

I only got to play one game as not all students that playtested mine had a game for me to playtest. I think it was Mason's game that I played. It was a horror puzzle game that required the player to dodge monsters while trying to escape the house with its gold.

People that Playtested my Game:

Jeffrey (student):

- -The Parallax background was cool.
- -Enemies getting behind you was frustrating
- -Movement was a little too difficult for a pick up and play arcade game

Tanner (student):

- -Ramp up the difficulty more slowly
- -The max difficulty was not bad
- -Feels odd to fire the laser and the guns at the same time
- -The enemy variety was good.
- -The look and the background was good
- -Maybe some control hints would be helpful

Mason (student):

- -Likes the holding down to fire feature
- -The game had all the basic features they expected
- -Wasn't sure what to prioritize to avoid except the homing laser from the snipers was clear
- -The controls felt masterable

Esteban (student):

- -Bullets could be more obvious compared to the black background
- -Died so maybe make the lives more obvious when they are used up.. Add some invincibility time between lives.

Trenton:

- -Shield and Dash are fun to use
- -Too difficult to start out
- -Movement felt a little off because of the deceleration aspect
- -Enemies felt unique

What Will I Change

- Visual clarity is important in this game. I want to change the player bullet sprite to be more visible so it's not a dark bullet on a black background. I will also change the enemy bullets to maybe be bigger or at least more clear.

- -I will adjust the first level to ramp up slower and maybe include less enemies and act as more of a warm up to help the player learn the controls and how the game works. The current form is more of a showcase of the enemies I currently have and what the game can look like with them all used in a wave.
- -I might separate the laser and guns so that only one can be used at a time. But I'm still not sure on that one.
- -I would like to add some control hints since the game currently doesn't tell you how to play.