

TOP 10 LIST OF VIDEOGAMES

(in no particular order)

1. Gears of War series
2. MadWorld
3. Grand Theft Auto series
4. Mortal Kombat series
5. Call of Duty series (Black Ops edition is very popular)
6. Deadrising series
7. Resident Evil
8. Red Dead Redemption
9. Dark Souls
10. Manhunt

Violent/Inappropriate video games just or soon to be released:

1. Assassin's creed 3 was just released and is very popular at schools (including elementary)
2. Medal of Honour was just released
3. Naughty Bear: Panic in Paradise was just released
4. Halo 4 comes out on November 6th
5. Call of Duty: Black Ops 2 comes out on November 13th
6. Grand Theft Auto 5 on November 15th

Please keep in mind that this list is not exhaustive or complete by any means. I could easily make a list of the top 100 games with excessive violence. In fact, it would almost be more appropriate to make a list of games that kids can play instead of ones they should not. Many games have violence but they vary in degree. Take the Halo series for example, from a lesser of two evils perspective, this would be a one of the "better" violent games for them to play (if they were going to play one anyways) because they are killing completely abstract aliens with no human associations.

Though it does not seem to stop children buying these games, video games are rated. Video game companies are required by law to display the content rating on the face of their game (similar to movie ratings). Here are the basic rating categories you can expect to see displayed on video games cases.

RATING CATEGORIES



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Content is intended for young children.



EVERYONE

Content is generally suitable for all ages. May contain minimal cartoon, fantasy or mild violence and/or infrequent use of mild language.



EVERYONE 10+

Content is generally suitable for ages 10 and up. May contain more cartoon, fantasy or mild violence, mild language and/or minimal suggestive themes.



TEEN

Content is generally suitable for ages 13 and up. May contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, simulated gambling, and/or infrequent use of strong language.



MATURE

Content is generally suitable for ages 17 and up. May contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content and/or strong language.



ADULTS ONLY

Content suitable only for adults ages 18 and up. May include prolonged scenes of intense violence, graphic sexual content and/or gambling with real currency.



RATING PENDING

Not yet assigned a final ESRB rating. Appears only in advertising, marketing and promotional materials related to a game that is expected to carry an ESRB rating, and should be replaced by a game's rating once it has been assigned.