



Better Board Games Through Cultural Engagement

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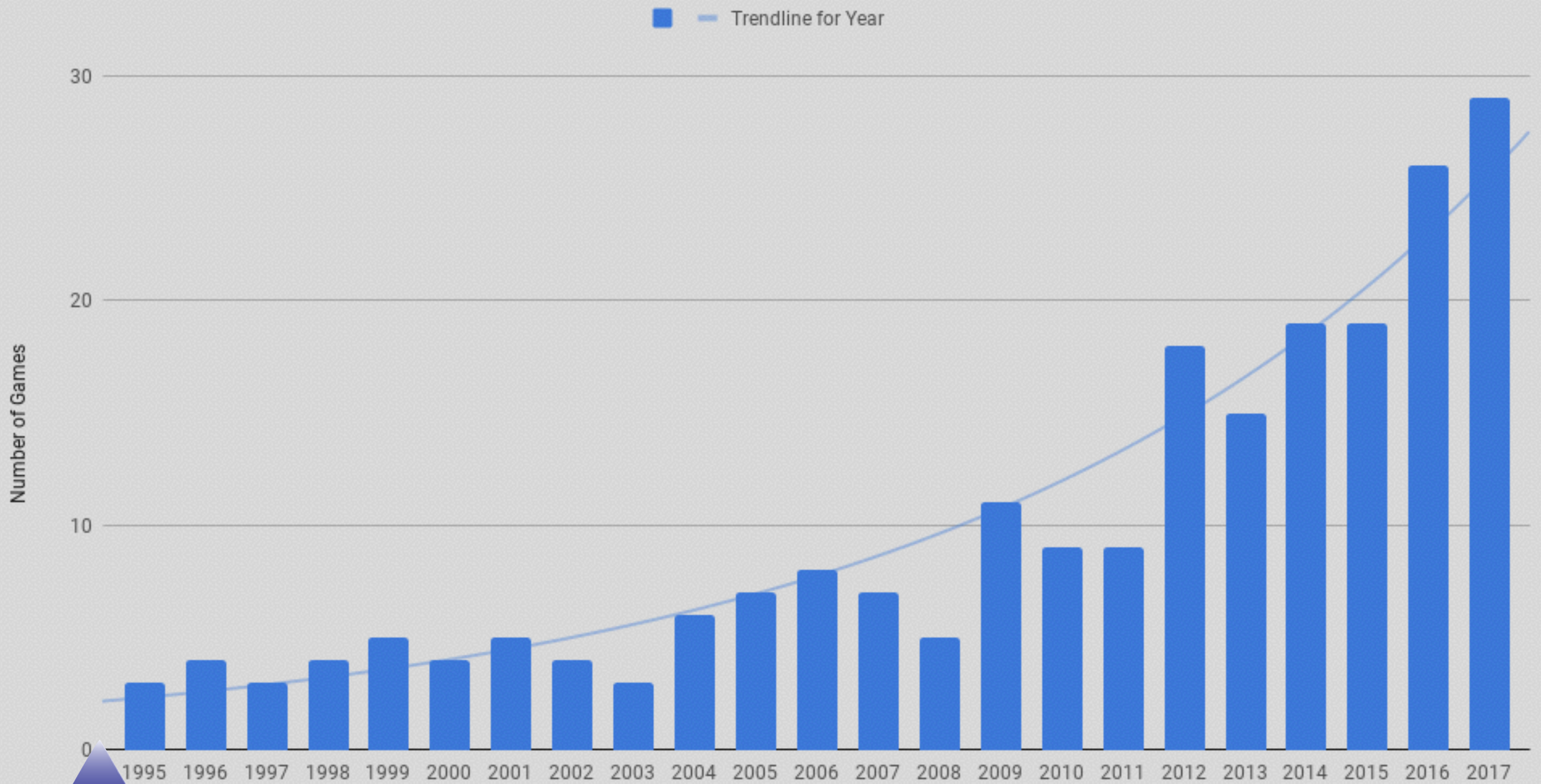


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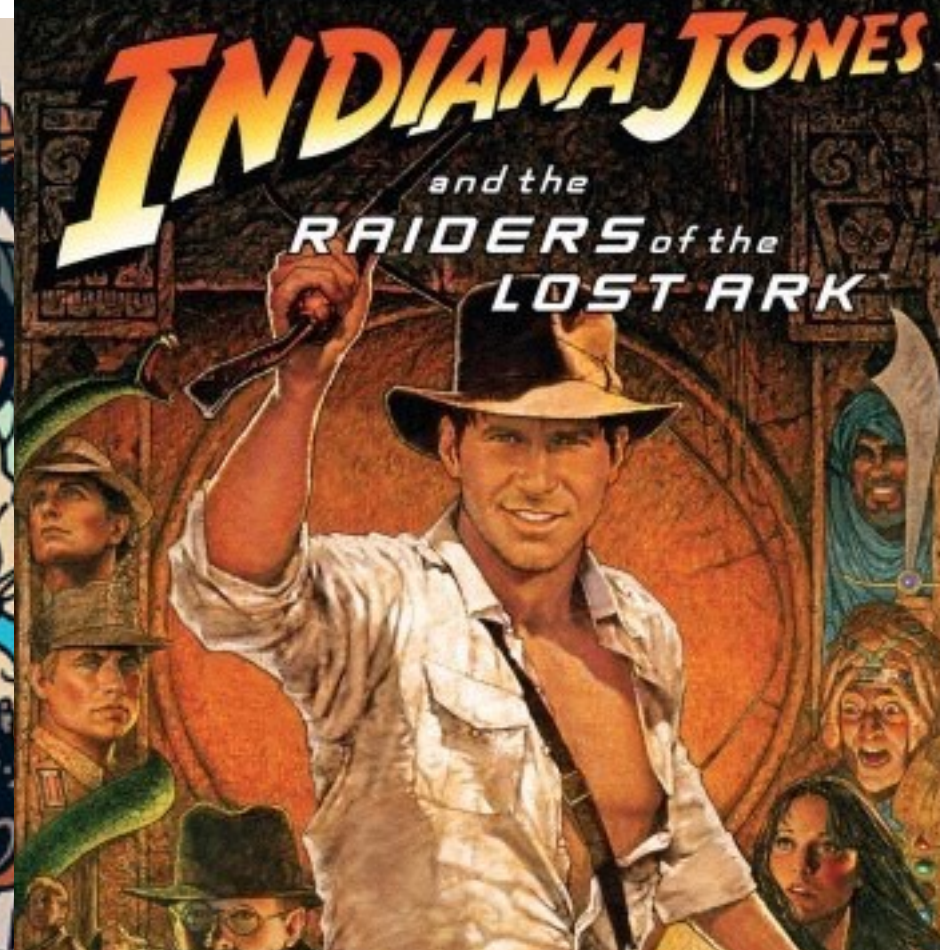




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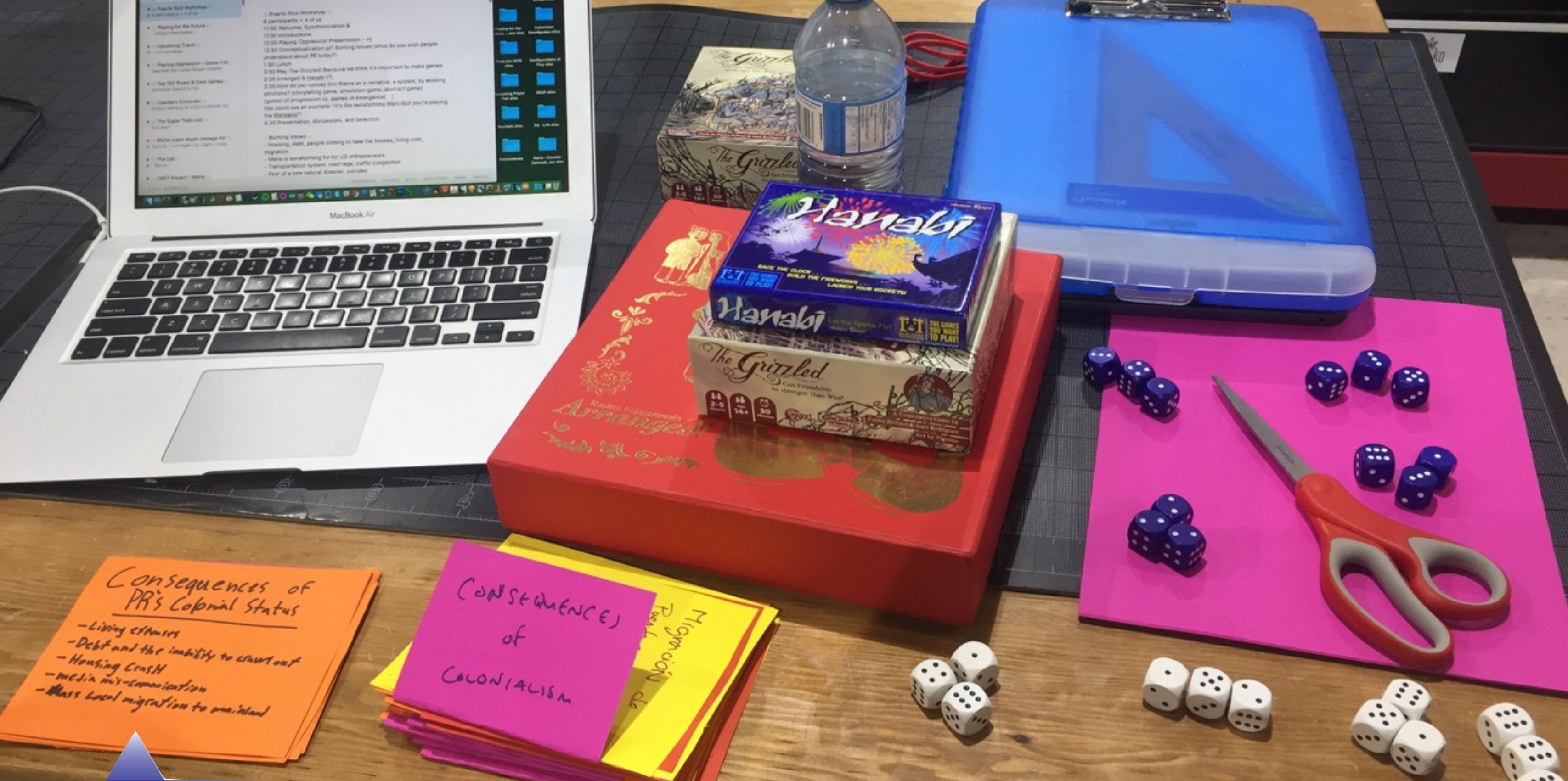


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Moving Out

When the European settlers arrived, they needed land to live on. The First Nations peoples agreed to move to different areas to make room for the new settlements.







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Side 1



\$	
RECAUDO	Recaudo
DEUDA	15
GANANCIA	-15

Time
7:36

Vas muy descoordinado, haces perd
A tus compañeros. - 15



Speed 0 KM/H

Distance 0KM

PICK

TRANSIT

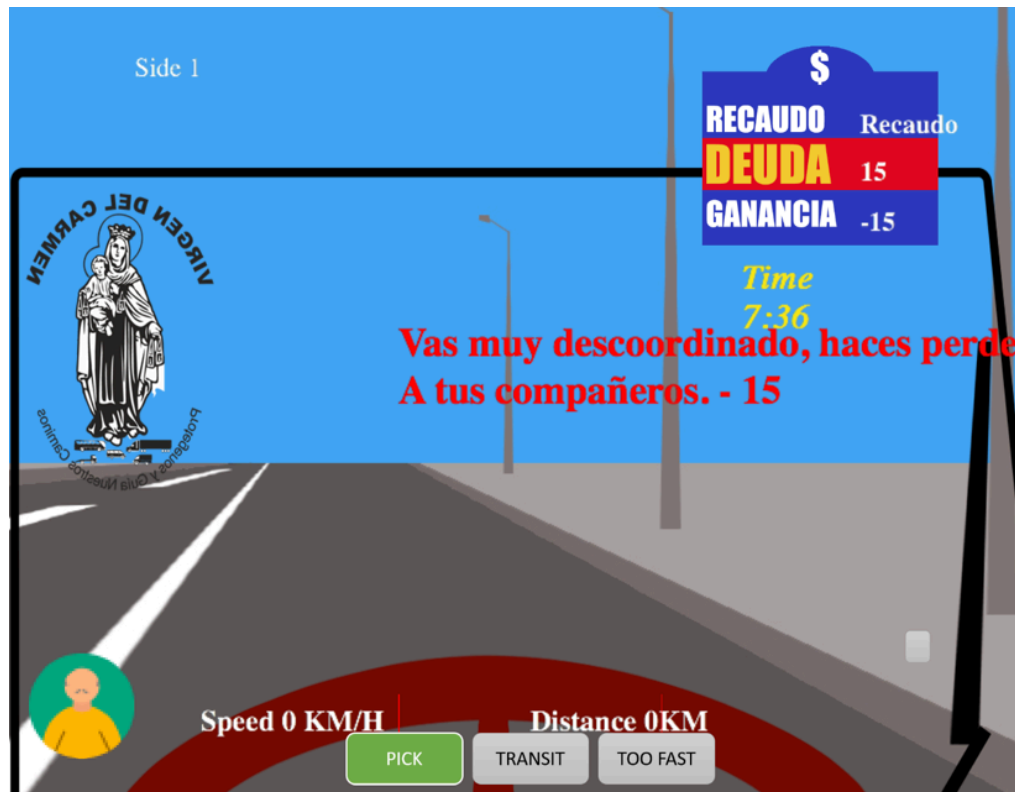
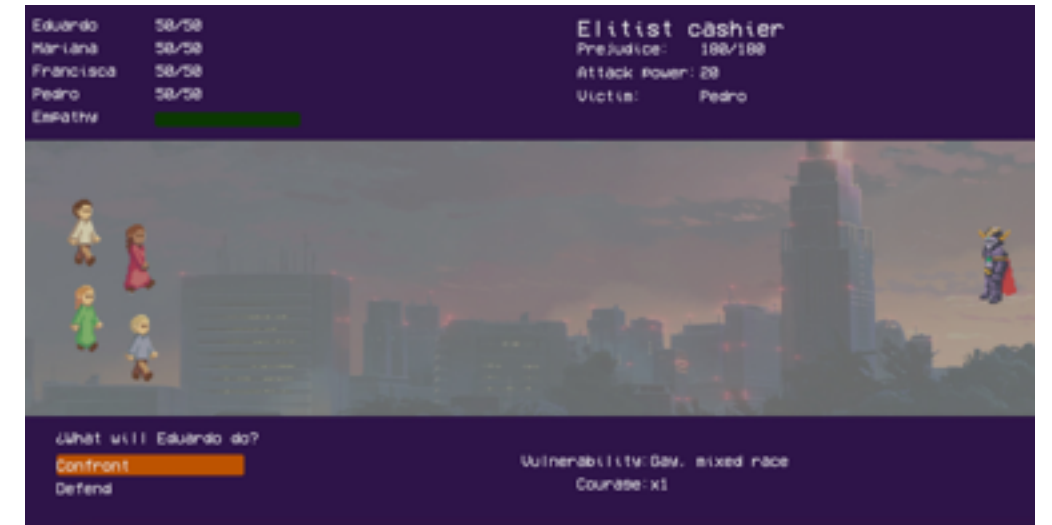
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Puerto Rico is a colony of the United States since 1898

Since Puerto Rico is not a state it can't declare bankruptcy. And since Puerto Rico also isn't an independent nation it can't ask for international help.

Given its colonial situation + corruption + mismanagement in the present the Puerto Rican government has a debt of 72 billion dollars

Since it invaded, the U.S. has imposed laws that affect Puerto Rico's economy, right to self-determination, and society


Puerto Rican Context tl;dr

In order to "HELP" the U.S. congress under Obama imposed a fiscal control board of unselected officials that can make decisions over the island's budget and impose austerity measures

Puerto Rico was hit by a category 4 hurricane the worst of its kind in years that left the entirety of the island without power

Puerto Ricans are citizens of the U.S. but can't vote for the President or have officials elected in congress





Procrustes

Lack of Bookshelves

Housing

21 yrs in practice
 1000 employees
 1000 employees

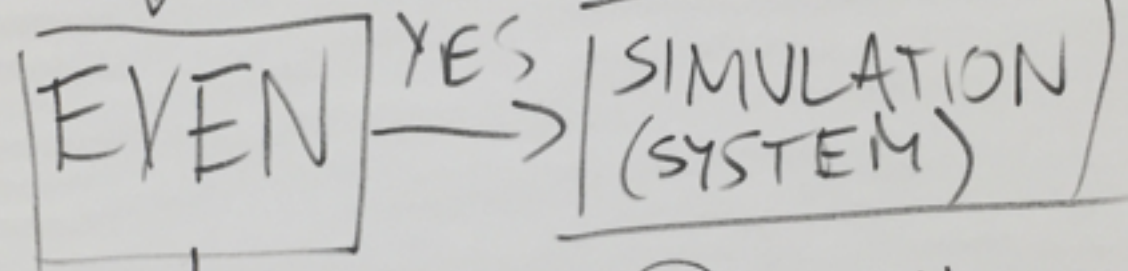
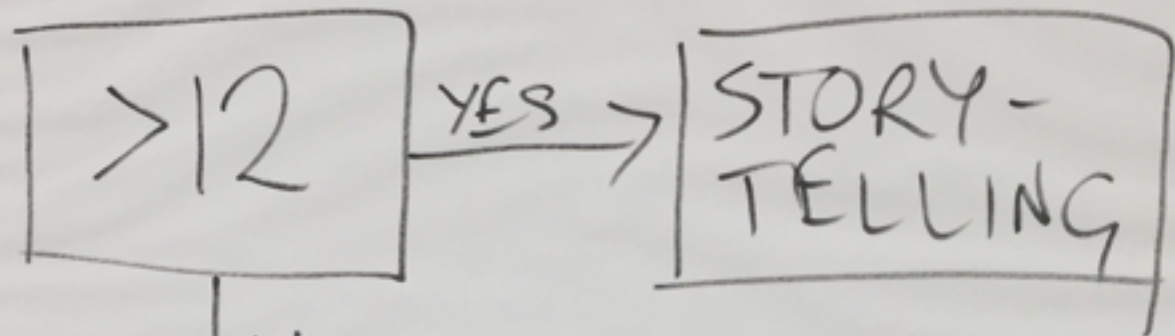
Allegación de
Fuerzas armadas
o "Fuerzas armadas"
y los conflictos
internos ?? que hacen

The Debt

Living Costs

Massive
Communication

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ABSTRACT
(EMOTION)

- ① Roll the dice*
- ② Pick a theme
- ③ Make up a game
(person to the right documents)

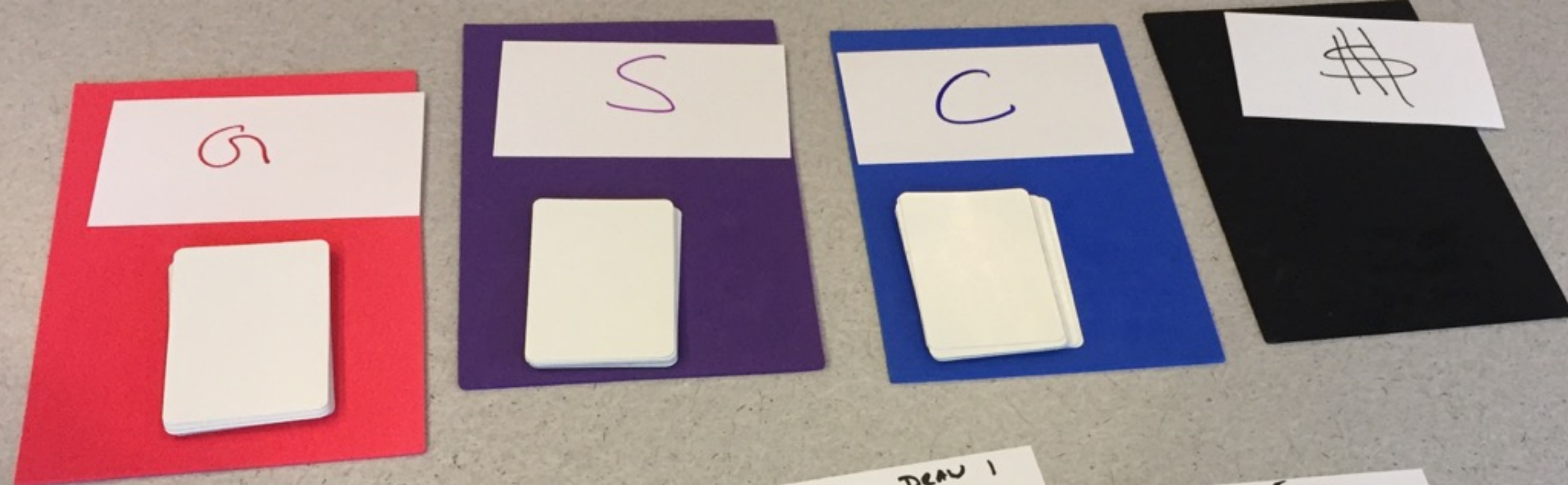




COMMUNICATION
/
FORMAL/INFORMAL
NEWS — SOCIAL MEDIA
SISYPHUS — THE DEBT — THE HIS
/ POLITICS /
RESISTANCE THE BILL







+50
2x \$ | C
1x S

-100 DRAW 1
2x G | 3x \$
C |
\$

+25
3x C | ~~G~~
2x \$

+100
4x C | 2x \$

G | S
C

PPD

↓
PRO-COLONY

PNP

↓
State of the U.S.

PP

PP

Independence





Erwin Gammann hat M.M.
Donnerstag - Proklam
ation 7988
~~Donnerstag~~ Siegern
Kein von uns ist
ein Spiel zu einem
Verlo, wenn sein
Name mit Siegern
des Schachtel steht!
Johann Balthasar
2. Hammett
Hilf! Kaderberg
Wolfgang Kramet
R. G. H.

*“None of us gives a
game to a company
if our name is not
written on the box
cover!”*



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