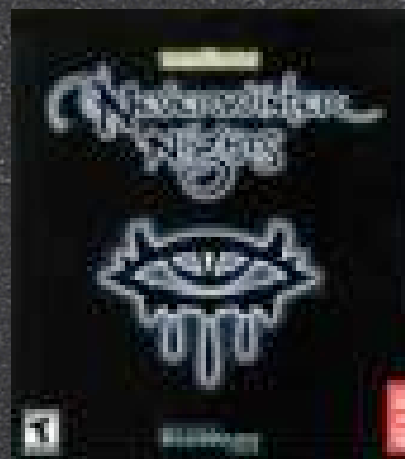
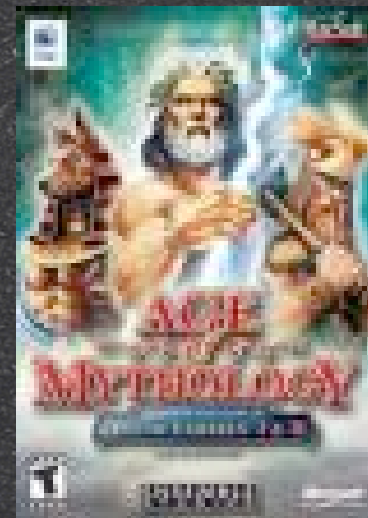
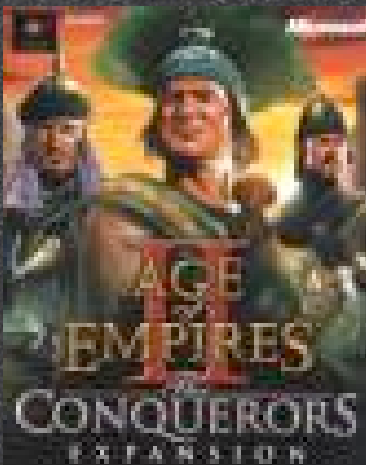
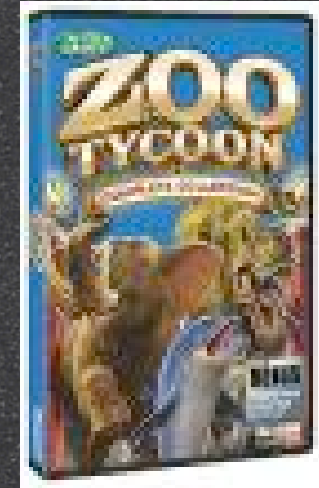
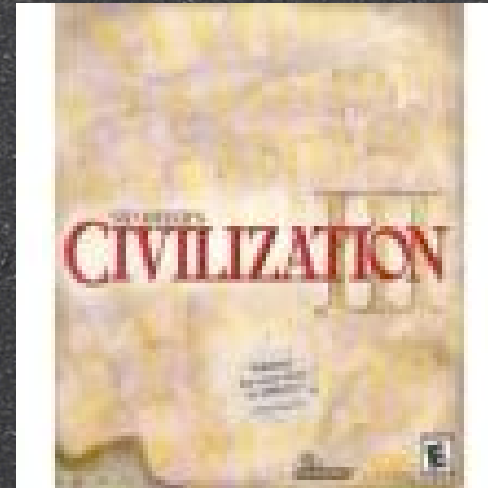
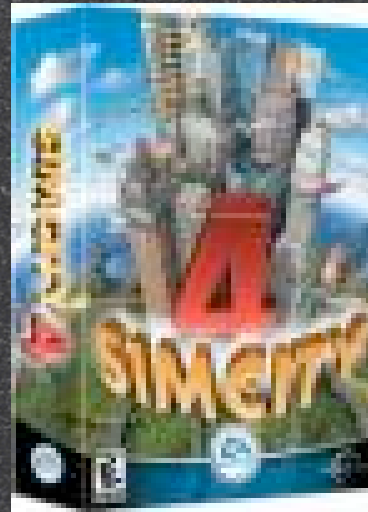


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What are we doing?



Star Trek...

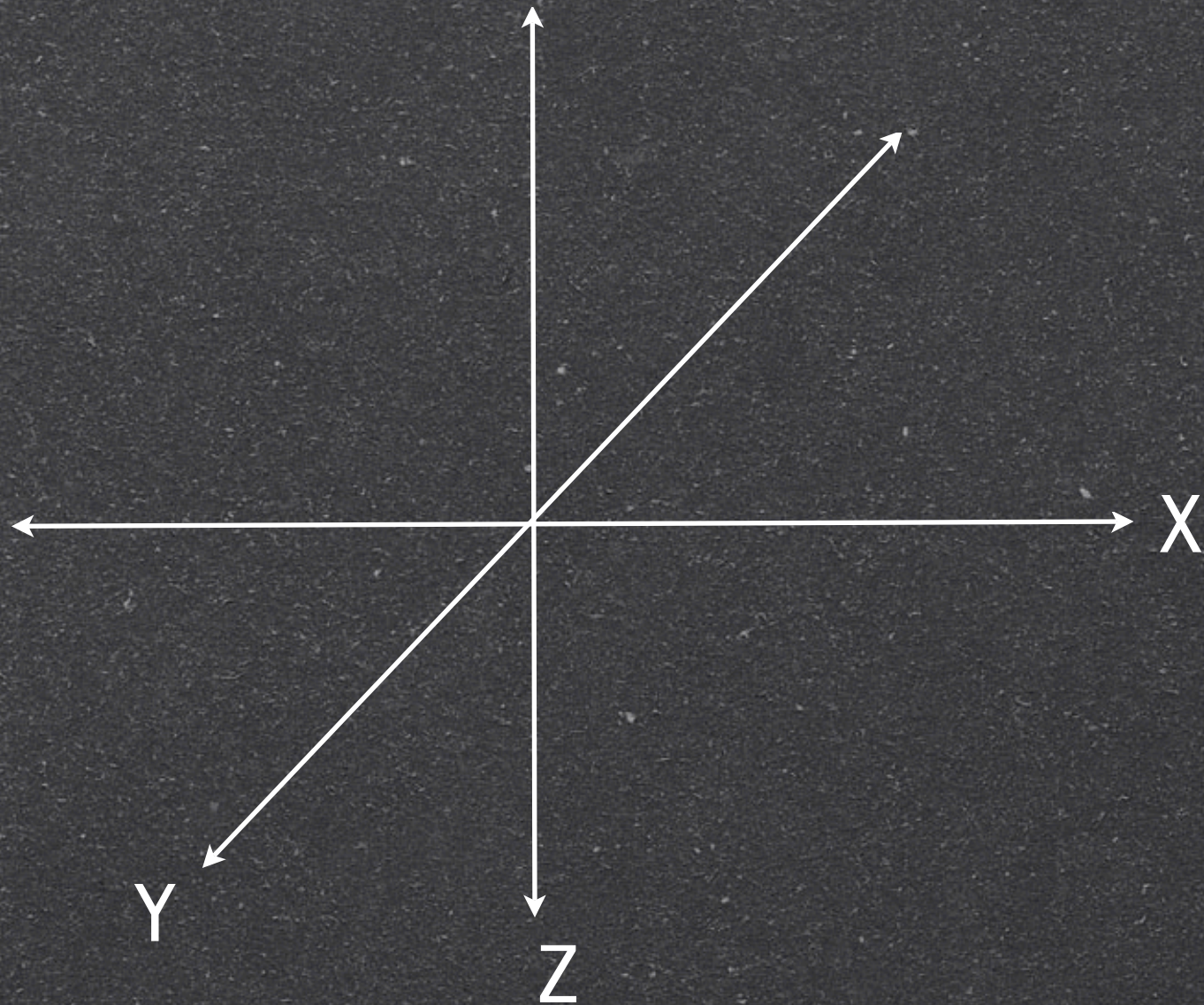


Phasers
Warp drive
Scanning



Klingons
Vulcans
Cardassians

Getting to Z



Welcome to the Bridge of the USS Valiant

Bridge - Deck 1(#8528R) [USS Valiant]

The bridge of the is quite small, with a layout definately designed for battle. In the aft of the bridge, the turbolift is stationed. Set in the center of the bridge is a slate gray swivel command chair. The chair has a small monitor console attached to the right arm, allowing the commander to observe the status of the ship. No executive or secondary officer posts are visible. Monopolizing the fore bulkhead is the viewscreen, lined with alert tracers, displaying the alert status. Directly to the Commander's port and starboard, a meter or so ahead, lie the helm and tactical consoles respectively. In the port and starboard corners, where they adjoin the fore bulkhead, lie two crimson doors, leading off to the briefing and ready rooms. Wall consoles, supporting Science, Operations, and Engineering, dominate the Starboard, Port, and portions of the aft bulkhead. The carpet on the bridge is a smoky gray, and the lighting is dim, adding to a very warlike mood.

Inspectable: Plaque

Contents:

Damage Control

Tactical Console

Viewscreen

Command Chair 1

Engineering Console

Helm Console

Navigation Console

Obvious Exits:

01-101 (101) - [Ready Room]

01-102 (102) - [Briefing Room]

TL-01A (T) - [Turbolift Car 16]

 Demonstration

The Obvious Learning

Kids intimately get the “games thing”

What am I looking for?

Educationally-accessible context

Educationally-accessible content

Success depends on intelligent choices

Failure exists & teaches

Clear tutorial which checks for understanding

The feedback model is short

Increasingly challenging and difficult

There are multiple victory conditions

Notable failures



The object? Kill the other guy.



Boring to most 13 year olds