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Full Steam Ahead: Cover Letter

Dear Prof. Belli,

Wow, this has probably had to be the hardest essay I have ever written. Leagues harder than the first essay we did in class. So many things kept on going wrong. At first my original idea I wanted to explore was the effect video games has in the person’s interaction with the medium. After not understand what you meant by being too broad I came to understand that the obvious conclusion that it would have a positive effect on it. From that point I decided to dive a little deeper. At the time a development company I really enjoyed released their first trailer of their brand new game called Steam World Heist. While I will not bore with details of the game, after some thought I figured out what aspect of science fiction I enjoyed the most. I was able to narrow it down to the sub-genre Steampunk. Something that is heavily based on in the game I just mentioned. However I was not sure what exactly to do involving it. I tried to apply my previous idea but still realized it was a little too broad. I finally settled on figuring out what make steampunk so interesting and why does it not have mass appeal.

There it completely began to fall apart. I began to work on my research. My preliminary searching found nothing. Most of what I found was, “TOP 10 LIST OF BEST STEAMPUNK MOVIES/BOOKS.” I of course took a gander and found myself watching too many movies or reading through Wikipedia entries eventually ending up in religious overtones in music. Yes, I have this innate ability of traversing though the rabbit hole of the internet not caring where I’m going or how far from the entrance I have gone. This is probably the most dangerous aspect of this research. I found myself reading tons of forum posts, Wikipedia entries. But one thing I had trouble finding were creditable sources that actually contained information I could use in my essay. I would end up repeating this process several time. Can I also take a time to mention between work and school, I only have one full day free/not tried to do school work. So having to balance this and my other final projects actually broke me down. On Wednesday night, I was sitting with only 3 pages done and sad conclusion that nothing I would have written could be any good. I ended up finishing the essay at around 8am. Decided to lay down for a few seconds and woke up just as class started. This has probably been the worst experience I had. It would really be hard for me to willing go through this process again unless I have the proper guide.

From, Randy Grullon