'War Games' Comment Cards

Location: Tullie House Museum, Carlisle

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War Games Comments

Total comments = 408

Mostly the comments are from children – some are in answer to the prompt question "I think war games are..." others are general comments on the exhibition.

Answers to "I think war games are..."

Good

A good thing because the children can see what happens in war and why we do it.

Fun and good to do with your friends

I think they are fun

I would love to be in the war

Awesome they are fun

Good for many reasons. Also teaches strategy, patience, stealth, looking after each other as well as imagination. I'd rather see my boys playing with toys than on the PlayStation on his own. Wonderful idea. I am a 31 year old lady who dressed up in her father's full combat army uniform and played for hours in my garden!

Awesome and fun to play. I liked it!

Good because they learn us about war

Really good and enjoyable

Good cos y.o.l.o

Are a good thing

Fun, only some

Fun because you get to dress up

The boy is pretending to be like his daddy. The country needs soldiers to defend themselves against an enemy and peace keeping forces so encouraging children to want to choose the forces as a career is necessary.

I think playing at war is a brave thing to do because soldiers defend our country

Good because you can learn things

A necessary evil. Children are surrounded by war unfortunately and maybe these games help them understand that side of human nature.

I like it because you can play with your friend, it doesn't have to be one player

It would have been fun for them to take their minds off the war and a member of family fighting in the war.

We love war games, how they make a colossal impact on the way we think about war. War shows us how horrific it is and was. We now know how advance our weaponry is now.

A warning that also prepares people for the worst

I think war games are good for your memories

It helps children to understand what happened in the war

A child-like representation of real life. The games played by children are in no way as catastrophic as the actual wars years ago

I had a lot of these toys when i was younger. I'm now a teacher and haven't killed anyone!

OK they bring children to the reality that war is about and sacrifices must be made. But some are rather brutal. Its happened for a long time, banning it won't make a difference

Good games

Fun games of the olden times

Excellent, they are brilliant things to teach you about. They are factual things. Amazing!

An inescapable part of childhood, particularly if you are a boy! I played lots of war games as a child and have never stopped my own children from playing with soldiers and guns. My wife isn't so sure though...

Fun because you can get a picture in your head about World War 1 and 2

Educational in some parts and can be very fun for children

Fun and I think the people that play them love to

Quite fun it is good to pass time but not when i lose

Part of growing up! Just like tiger cubs play-fighting 'human cubs' do too

I think they are awesome

It is cool and good fun and it teaches us about war

Bad and good. Good to save our country. Bad because people get killed

Really fun to play because you can use your imagination

Are epic and fun because you can imagine any war in the world

Really good and fun

Good but not as good as other games

Very entertaining and extremely valuable

Really good and fun and awesome

Fun they represent the soldiers in the war

Good and good to play when you're at home and there's nothing to do outside or inside, just play war games

Really good and it is fun to play with. They are quite creepy as well

OK because now in this century children can learn about war but also have fun

good because i built an army

I think war games are interesting as my dad told me that he had a toy gun at home and his brother has a box of army toys. I am also doing about WWI at school. At school my teacher says that we can build a zeppelin with helium and sail it across the ???? and we can write about WWI in topic and recently we have done a report about Edwardian Britain on a power point on a sheet of paper and I enjoyed doing it.

The best thing in the world

Playing is how we learn to get along, so games that need you to compromise, take turns, agree and cooperate are better cos we're learning how to get along

Makes me admire the sacrifices made by so many. Their actions have enabled (for example) organisations like this to carry on – freedom paid for at a huge cost. This does not glorify wars it shows it as it was/is!

I do all scary war games and I'm a girl they are not all bad

Something that children will do, or at least play fighting with sticks or lego brick as is stated in exhibition! Not sure about full blown war games all the time! Though as you say they are about play, strategy and exploring power.

Epic cos you get to fire everything

Good for kids. You learn strategies for winning

I think war games are very cool but scary

fun because you get guns in the war

Playing is what children do and how they learn about their world. Adults make choices on what they have learnt, conflict is inevitable in humans. How we learn to achieve peace may come from those games we play as children.

Interesting and encourage reading and interacting with others. They require people to work at the game and not just playing at a computer

Important to learn strategy and problem solving skills, and an inevitable part of play acting and rough play. However I think some video games take things too far and have too much violence and cold-blooded actions.

Cool because they involve fighting!

It was fun shooting down Germans and Nazis

Epic because you get epic gear!

Really interesting and fun to do

Help build the skills of forward planning and strategy

Very nostalgic. Loved it! Playing war is ok, but can teach right and wrong

Cool and seem fun!

Good for developing the imagination of young boys. Life is more pleasant if we experience the benefits of peace, but unfortunately it is a universal fact that any peace has to be defended. That means the experiencers of the peace need an army or military to protect it – 'defensively'. War games and associated strategy are good for young people who will go on the command others wither in the military or civilian life. Hence, most private schools, who produce the bulk of the officer class, generally have an army cadet corps. War games can inspire a concept of sacrifice for the greater good or heroism. You can only be a pacifist if someone else will do the fighting for you.

I love the games I think war games are necessary

Fun to play on

Good because they are full of BANTA!

Valuable lesson in no winner without pain. Great for children to see reality

Good, fun, board games in the war

Quite interactive and imaginative. But they can be dangerous. Children can get afraid. Encouraging children can make them bad.

A great way for a child to learn

I think that they are great

Depends on which game it is. But games such as call of duty etc are really cool.

I thing war games are fun (ie CoD) but the real thing is terrible. Also killing in real life is awful.

A lot of fun! I like CoD and MW3

Ok. Boys will be boys nothing will change

Being a soldier is OK – they do lots of good like in the floods so its OK to dress up like a doctor or fireman, so dressing up like a soldier is OK.

It is amazing and children can learn a lot

Playing war games will help make children tough

Fun to play with

Educational and informative

Really fun and enhance interactivity

I think that are really fun to play and they are really interesting

Fascinating and scientific!

Fun and i like to play them with my friends

CoD rules

Good because then you learn about war

Fun because there are lots of complicated games

Great fun is you get the right opposition. I have 1:300 NATO v Warsaw Pact armies from the 1980s

Fun and dangerous

As a great grandma i enjoyed the exhibition, my sons had many war toys and they are fathers and very good parents – it didn't harm them

A way for children to explore but can mask the horrors and desensitize children to the realities of war.

Awesome especially on Xbox and computer but it also helps you to learn about war and to understand war.

A good thing to be because I don't like naughty people and we get to pretend to kill them

I think they are harmless as long as the children don't take it seriously – they are allowed to use their imagination

Jasper likes strategy games like Lord of the Rings. He says they help him to learn.

Historically valuable. Help teach strategy tactics, the need to plan to defend and help consider politics and world affairs.

Very entertaining and are extremely valuable

Great because they are taking you back years ago. Also they are a fun way of learning!

Very fun and scary because its something to do and sometimes your friends will get killed

Are great and cool

Bad

You can die

Making children think more violently and younger children might think war was good.

I don't like war games. They are bad!

Je n'aime pas ca c'est horrible (I do not like it because it is horrible)

Very painful

It's dangerous and your dad might be in a real war

It would be dangerous because you would die

I don't like war games – they are hard

War is bad. It would not be good or fun, you would die and you will have people looking at with red blood. It would be nasty.

It's ironic how so many people died at war due to the violence, yet games were made with influence from this violence.

I think they are bad

Silly but sad

Bad because they encourage violence and make war seem better than it really is

Silly and dangerous. All war and violence is wrong

Dangerous because it will make children think what is war

Why would you play war games when a war is on?

It is silly people just die

Violent

Fine. Its a kind of revenge. People get hurt a lot. Its very dangerous

I don't like it because it would be sad

Are not good because they are silly

Dangerous

Scary and hard to fight

Dangerous

Some people can't tell the difference between real and pretend and it encourages them to see hurting others as fun

bad because you might start a fight and get in trouble with the police and get arrested or you might kill somebody because you have seen too much violence and actually done it.

A way that makes killing + fighting seem acceptable and normal. Glorifying the war.

Dangerous because they involve guns they are scary and not fun we find a lot about it but i think i don't like it but it is horrible

In the middle, the shapes were fun but we think modern one likes COD are inappropriate for young children

Scary and gruesome

To be stopped

Do not like war games

I think war games are dangerous because they could involve guns

Barbie rules! 'make love not war'

Used to desensitize violence. Life has become cheap 'the more we study history the more we learn that we have learnt nothing from history'

That you might die I will not like it

Aggressive because adults go to war because of the game and get killed

Bad

Bad, painful

Sad. The simple game about the dropping of the atomic bomb was chilling!

PROPAGANDA it says everything that needs saying

Horrible! Beaucoup de gens meurent! Ca sert a rien! (Horrible! Many people die! It is useless!)

Dangerous

Violent and are not suitable for children

I think it's not a good game because a lot of people die in wars. So it's very stupid.

Dangerous

Dangerous and muddy

Dangerous

It should be stopped

Are stupid

World war games would not be fun

Silly and dangerous

I don't like the sight of war games because they're scary and I'm a girl.

Bad

About killing

Scary and i don't like it in real life

It is really bad because it can encourage kids to kill

Sad and nasty and hurt people

Good to play but bad in real life

While i can see the appeal of war games when you think that you are turning real life wars into toys, we all know war is not a game!

War games are awesome but painful

Fun but not in real life

Good because its fun but it can get out of hand once you take it seriously and when you start swearing

Sometimes fun, but the real thing is not fun

I think it is really cool but what if there is a war

A good thing and a bad thing because they are a bad influence to children because it might make them think its alright to kill people. Its a good thing to let children learn about history.

C'est bien tant que ce n'est pas reel. (This is fine as long as its not real!)

It is fun to pretend to fight and destroy things. It gets it out of your system so you don't do it for real

Sad but fun

Awesome – I like to play them but I don't want to fight in reality

What comforts kids while the war went on and maybe their Dad was at war. Maybe today we have Xbox games to remember them, but lots of people died so we maybe shouldn't play things like that but always remember them today.

Cool as long as people don't get hurt

Quite fun but I disagree as there are a number of people dying and it is not very fair to make a fun game. It would be good if people understand that it could be them. But I really enjoyed it here well done.

Good in games but not in real life

I think war games are fun but a little bit dangerous

Really good and bad. The good bit is having fun. The bad is getting hurt

Fun and useful to take anger out (like channelling anger into a war game) but you shouldn't repeat in real life

Ok to play because in a way it gets you ready if you need to go to war if you have to. They are also fun but you shouldn't play on them too often because violence is terrible in real life. Going to war, leaving your families would not be fun.

I think it was great but not in real life

Do it if you need to

Fun to play but not in real life

I think it would be smelly, horrible and ugly

I don't think it would be brilliant because you might die

Exhibition was awesome. Sad in real life

Ok, but too much might make children think war is fun an ok

Really fun if you are just playing (especially if you are playing with a friend)

Not the greatest thing to do, but as long as you do not start world war 3 they are ok

Very exciting but you could get hurt by playing these kind of games

Nul! Juste si c'est en jeu (No! Just if its in play!)

Amazing but dangerous and sad

War games are fun but scary

It's alright playing with toys but video games are a bit too far because i think they might influence people to do bad things

I like the different ways of playing but i don't like the fact that there was really a war that went on

Good fun if they are appropriate like with the mini soldiers. However playing war computer games isn't such a good thing. The reason i think it isn't a good idea to play computer war games is because you could get into a habit and the idea of wanting to kill someone is horrible. War is one of the last things in the world you want.

Bad, because it encourages children to do war and kill themselves

Terrible, should be stopped as we need peace. war is no game

Ok but not always the safest

Ok but a bit rough

Minecraft and lego wars are fun but real war is not

I like the games but its not good in real life

They are both good and bad because it shows you a bit about war but it could teach you to hurt people as well.

Great, but not in real life

War games are fun to play and it is scary being in the war.

It would be okay to play but not to go to war.

Neutral

In the middle. Not good not bad in the middle.

Okay playing with figures, nerf guns etc. replica toys score me and i would rather the children didn't have them. The new computer games seem crazy to me but do they encourage violence?? Well, did the Romans play Call of Duty?

A bit like Call of Duty

Not something that we will be getting rid of any time soon. Whether this is a good or bad thing depends on your opinion

Bad and good

Death is good

Top notch banta

It depends what side you're on

They are alright

Bad and good

Bad and good creepy doll eyes that follow you!

It all depends which side you are on!

Not good not bad in the middle

I miss my Action Man!

I did it all my childhood then joined the army! What can I say?

Scary but awesome

I played with toy soldier, then joined the Royal Navy. Now I still play COD and Modern Warfare

Comments about the exhibition

Positive

Fun, interesting knowledgeable. The dress is favourite bit and the morse code.

I think it was a lot of fun. Great. 5 stars

Very good and fun. If it was in real life it would be sad. They are good how they are made.

Fantastic exhibition. The first and second world war to the new generation is full of expectation. Truth on our earth. Millions of death of British Army on course victory their glorious resource.

Very good. I especially like the hidden symbols game. Curse the teddy bear symbol!

This exhibition raises very interesting issues – it was good to see it with my 12 year old son. War games are OK, you can be a pacifist if everyone joins you and we educate children to resolve difference of opinions without conflict or violence. It's worth aiming for...

Good childhood memories. Good fun

I like this museum

Awesome lego and comics

Amazing because all of the war games artefacts have got lots of detail through them and they look really interesting to be playing with and that is why I think they are amazing. There is one thing that I am good at and that is morse code because I know all of the letters.

It made me think and realise the context of toys I played with as a child in the 60s/70s

Creative and entertaining and knowledgeable. Imaginative. Very fun

Very thought provoking. Excellent exhibition

It was awesome

I love it

Very interesting I think you should make love not war!

Awesome because you get to mess about on the morse code

Exhibition was awesome. Sad in real life

It was fun here

I want to come back with my Dad

It was really good fun. Thanks for a great time.

Very good I got a lot of information about WW1 and 2. Everything is excellent.

The whole exhibition was very thought provoking. For an oldie who experienced Cold War, Falkland, Gulf Wars and now ISIS. There are no winners!

Awesome. It had routes and information and most important Lego.

Quite fun but I disagree as there are a number of people dying and it is not very fair to make a fun game. It would be good if people understand that it could be them. But I really enjoyed it here well done.

Nice looking back at all the old toys

I enjoyed this museum

Interesting

I enjoyed the exhibition especially the wedding dress

Cool playing games

Me and my friends are having a great time

Most intriguing. I do think it is rather sophisticated

So cool and I decoded the thing on the circle

Excellent. Very good exhibition, very enjoyable. Many people of course still play with soldiers, its fact a growing hobby.

Excellent exhibition – thought provoking. I will recommend this to my friends and family

Very intriguing how very much they form part of everyday life, and have formed part of my childhood without me really noticing. A fascinating exhibit. Well worth the £3

It was really cool

Make love not war...peace man! Good exhibition

The exhibition was fascinating and thought provoking. Thanks

Good because there was lots of interactive items but war toys can sometimes be propaganda

So good because it is fun. But I really want to come again

Loved the exhibition, very interesting, war games are necessary

I think the war games are good but the games are not as good as todays. Great exhibition

Fun to do and interesting to see

I have enjoyed seeing this room

It was epic

I think war games are epic

Really awesome lego and comics

Fun. Great. Fascinating

Good and interesting. I like the Death Star

It is very fun

Fun because i like war games

The modern ones are a bit inappropriate but I love it. Death Star!

Good because there was warhammer

Came here on a school trip with my daughter, going to bring my son back during the holidays. Great exhibition. Brilliant way to explain history through the use of toys.

Awesome. I liked the morse code

It was very good

This place is really good. I am enjoying it and you have done it really good. My favourite one was the guns.

As a great grandma i enjoyed the exhibition, my sons had many war toys and they are fathers and very good parents – it didn't harm them

Very well exhibited.. Here with 22 children, aged 5 and 6 years. Nive to be able to 'allow' them to play with guns as it is so often frowned upon.

Interesting. I liked shooting the target even though the aim wasn't quite right.

Very good there is lots of fun things to do! I can't wait to see next time!

Quite fun but I prefer the ones that I have got at home

Neutral

Cool but more controlling game should be added

It made me think it would be horrible to be in the war

Negative

Ok not very fun

There are too many war mongers about and this exhibition is no better

General comments

Positive

Good

Good

Fun and dangerous

Epic

Epic

Great

Awesome and epic

Very good. Funny

Awesome

Good

Cool epic

Awesome

Fun

Fun and good

Fun and cool

Interesting

Very nice

Awesome

Awesome

Amazing

Fun

Really good

Cool

Awesome

The best in the world!

Trop excellent

Very very good

Fun

Cool

Good and fun

Very very fun

Very fun

Fun

Totes loved it! Amaz! OMG! FAB!

Good

Fun exciting happy sad

It is cool

Excellent. Thank you for all the fun here and good to do with your friends

I really enjoyed this place because it is interesting and there's all sorts of stuff

Good because it tells you what games they and they were sad of how the children lived

Ok

Brill

Very good its fun and exciting

Amazing

Good

Boring

Amazeballs

Cool

Brilliant

Great

Good and fun

Awesome, scary

Ok

Rubbish and interesting

Good and fancy

Fun but scary

Brilliant

Epic

awesome

amazing

really good

Good toys

Really good and fun

Cool

Fun

Good

Exciting

Awesome cool

Fun and good

Cool and epic

Totally fun

Fun

Fun

Epic

Fun

Fun

Really really really great

Fun

Fun

Very good

Okay. Happy. Sad

Epic

Boss

Cool

Fun

Cool

Really good

Good

Extremely good fun

Awesome

Good

Awesome! Brilliant! Amazing!

A lot of fun

Neutral

Cool but scary

Pretty boring but interesting but ok

Really fun but scary

Really fun but a little scary

Fun but scary

Fun but scary

Bad and good

Weird and cool

Scary but cool

Really fun but scary

Epic, war is stupid

Negative

Fighting dangerous

Scary and boring

Bad

Boring

Not fun

I think war is an unfair thing which should never happen again

Toy soldiers computer game – union flag incorrect (@ approx 45 secs in)

It is really creepy

Boring

"Ain't nothing proper about your propaganda" Rage Against the Machine

Gory