KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOP 7.7

INTRODUCING THE WORKSHOP

Ask students to look closely at the photograph. Have students describe what the girls in the photograph are doing. Read aloud the caption and have students connect to their prior knowledge about video games they have played or seen. Have groups briefly describe anything that might be considered violent in video games they know about.

Video games are a popular form of entertainment and are enjoyed by millions of people all around the world. There are, however, those who feel that some video games contain too much violence and other objectionable content so should be restricted or banned. They worry about how the games may impact those who play them.

Video Games and Violence

In this workshop, you will read about two perspectives on violence in video games. You will practice close reading strategies to help you understand the meaning of the texts. You will also consider the knowledge and ideas presented by each author and build your own knowledge about the arguments surrounding the impact of violent video games on children.