



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 11.07.2023

Article link : <https://bit.ly/3OiBI9v> (What Board Games Can Teach Us About Politics and Power)

1. Based on the article, which of the following is not true about The Landlord's Game?

- A. It was invented by a Quaker woman trying to demonstrate the evils of land ownership and private property
- B. It demonstrates how even under conditions of "equal opportunity", in a competitive system, one person can come to dominate everyone else
- C. Lizzie Magie, who invented the game, did not see it as a teaching tool but as an entertaining diversion for the 9- or 10-year-olds who played it
- D. None of the above

Explanation : C

Option C is the exact opposite of what the article says.

2. The author is least likely to agree with which of the following statements?

- A. As abstract models, board games can be useful in understanding how the system works, provided it includes features that are actually critical
- B. Board games are a good way of demonstrating how strategic actors navigate a set of rules
- C. Board games are useful for teaching about conflict since they are almost always competitive
- D. Board games that feature serious subjects like war or building rail networks teach something that is useful beyond the game

Explanation: D

Refer to the lines, 'I'm not sure that actually makes them better, or means that they teach you

anything of value. I don't know how much anybody has ever learned from a board game that is useful beyond the game. ...The jury is still out on the question of how much games can actually teach..'

**3. "I enjoyed Mouse Trap as a kid, but I wish I'd been playing Class Struggle instead".
Why does the author say so?**

- A.Though both games have leftist themes, he believes Class Struggle makes leftist ideas more accessible entertaining than Mouse Trap
- B.Class Struggle is a game based on conflict, and these games are more entertaining than ones based on cooperation, like Mouse Trap
- C.Unlike Mouse Trap, which has little relevance to the real world, Class Struggle can help young people to understand what it is, how it works, and where they fit into it
- D.None of the above

Explanation: C

Refer to the author's description of Class Struggle and Mouse Trap.