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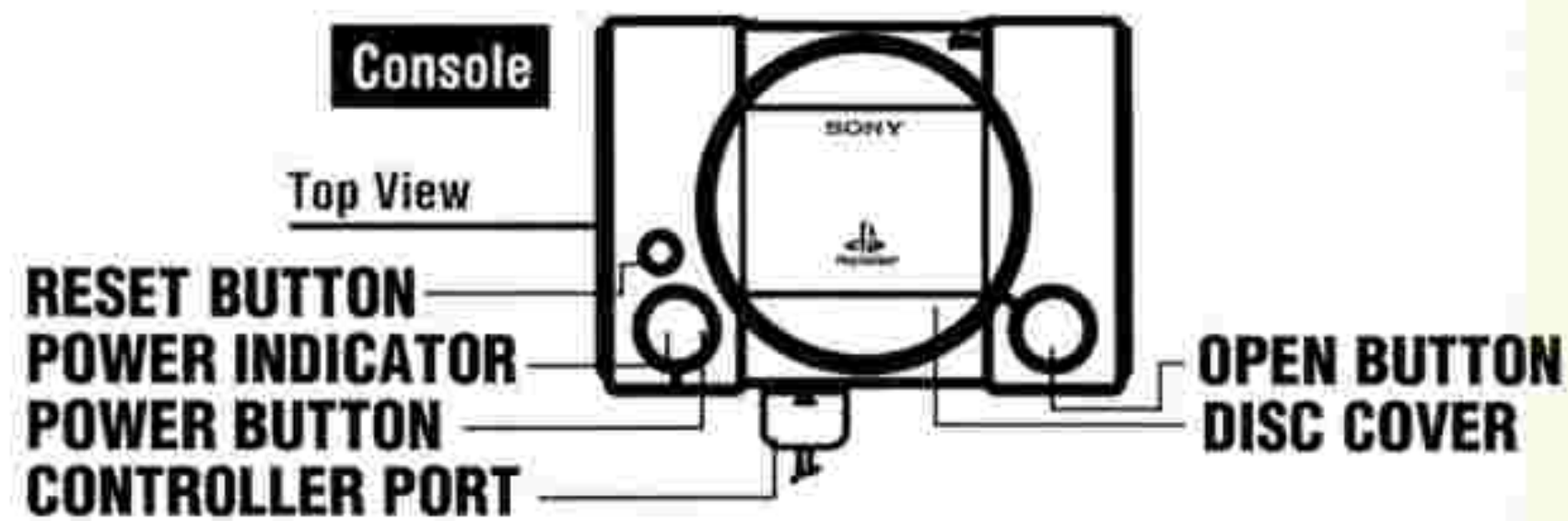


Four students—Max, Sara, Jessica, and Tony—are working on a special communications project involving str.at.e.s., a futuristic web application that can access any time or place in the past, present, or future. One afternoon, str.at.e.s. malfunctions, and each character is transported back in time. Your child helps the characters return to the present while developing reading comprehension and vocabulary skills and finding out about interesting people and events in history.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Develop reading comprehension skills
- Build vocabulary skills
- Learn about nineteenth- and early twentieth-century people and events
- Learn and use reading strategies to answer questions
- Analyze information

Getting Started



Set up the PlayStation® game console according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the power is off before inserting or removing a compact disc. Insert the *str.at.e.s.* disc and close the CD door. Insert the PlayStation game controller and turn on the PlayStation game console. Follow on-screen instructions to start a game.

- Use the **X button** on the PlayStation game controller for clicking. The CD begins with the *str.at.e.s.* theme song. Your child may listen to the complete song or click once to skip to the Opening Screen.

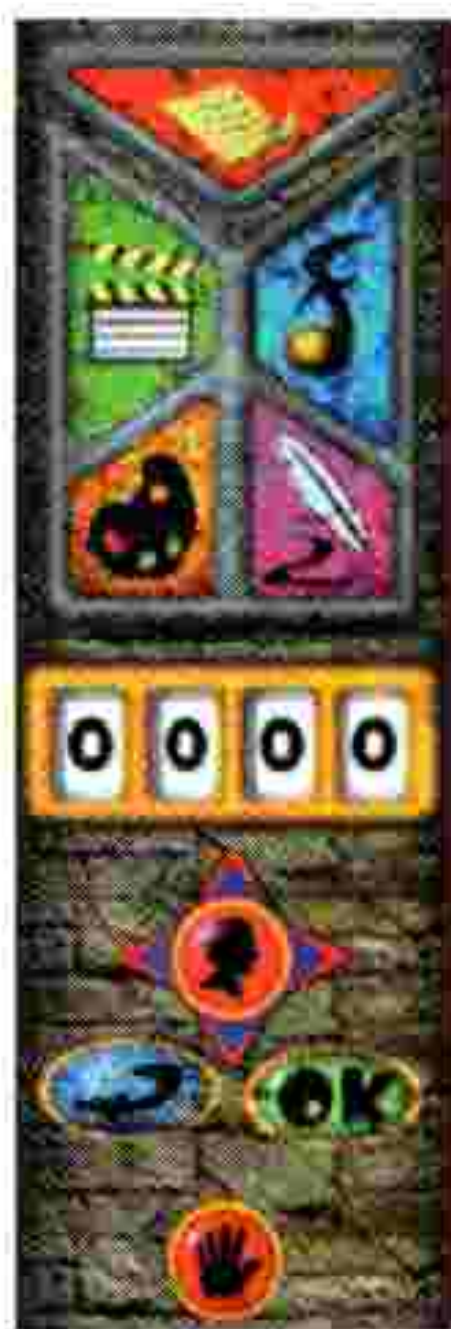


- At the Opening Screen, click **Intro** and **OK** to see an introduction to *str.at.e.s.*
- To hear the *str.at.e.s.* theme song, click the **musical note** and **OK**. To begin the game, click one of the **portraits** and then **OK**.

After selecting a portrait, your child sees one of the four characters being transported back in time. Your child may watch the video or click once to skip to the Media Screen.

Media Screen

The Media Screen provides an opportunity to learn more about famous people in history and to explore art, music, and literature from that time period. The pictures at the upper right will be highlighted if available for a specific historical figure.



- Click the **piece of paper** to read the biography.
- Click the **director's clapboard** to view a video of the historical figure or a dramatic monologue.
- Click the **musical note** to hear music.
- Click the **painter's palette** to view art.
- Click the **quill pen** to read a piece of literature.
- To select another biography, click the **silhouette** located in the lower right.
- Click the **back arrow** to go to the previous screen.
- To exit the game, click the **stop hand** located at the lower right.



Playing the Games

To earn points, your child reads the biographies and plays the Strategy, Word, and Clue Games. A total of nine hundred points is required to complete the CD and help Max, Sara, Jessica, or Tony return to the present day.

- Click the **piece of paper** at the upper right to read the biography.
- Click **Strategy**, **Clue**, or **Word** at the top of the screen.

★ Show your child how words from the biography can be used today. Have your child create a new sentence about his or her life using the new vocabulary word.



“Strategy”

In the Strategy Game, your child will practice reading comprehension skills by answering a question about the biography.

- Select the appropriate answer, then click **OK**.
- For help on how to find the correct answer, click the speaker at the upper left.
- To view the biography, click the piece of paper located at the left side of the screen.

“Word”

In the Word Game, your child is introduced to a challenging vocabulary word that must be placed into the correct sentence.

- Click a **face** at the top of the screen to hear a conversation that will give insight into discovering the meaning of the new word. The characters discuss the root, context, and dictionary definition of the word.



- Select the appropriate answer, then click **OK**.
- Your child also may learn additional vocabulary words by clicking the blue words in the biography.



“Clue”

In the Clue Game, your child matches titles to biographies to practice identifying the main idea and to build stronger reading comprehension skills.

- Select the title that best fits the biography, then click **OK**.

Extending the Learning Experience

Family Activities

Art Appreciation

Have your child make a list of the artists he or she has learned about in str.at.e.s. Then go to the library and check out books displaying works by these artists. Look through the books together and take note of the various styles. Ask your child questions such as: "What do you think the artist is trying to express to you through his or her artwork? What is your favorite piece of art?" Encourage your child to recreate a favorite piece of art or create a new piece of art in the style of a favorite artist.

Title Scramble

Cut out news articles dealing with current events. Separate the article titles from the text. Have your child read the news stories aloud and match the correct titles to the stories.

Send a Postcard

Work with your child to create an imaginary postcard from one of the historical characters found in str.at.e.s. Have your child draw a picture of the location on the front of the postcard and write a greeting to another historical character on the back.

TV Vocabulary

Turn TV watching into a learning experience by having your child jot down unfamiliar words he or she hears during programs or commercials. Have your child use a strategy learned in str.at.e.s., such as guessing, context clues, root words, or using a dictionary, to determine the meaning of the word.

WARNING: READ BEFORE USING THE PlayStation® GAME CONSOLE.

A very small percentage of individuals may experience epileptic seizures when exposed to certain light patterns or flashing lights. Exposure to certain patterns or backgrounds on a television screen or while playing video games, including games played on the PlayStation game console, may induce an epileptic seizure in these individuals. Certain conditions may induce previously undetected epileptic symptoms even in persons who have no history of prior seizures or epilepsy. If you, or anyone in your family, has an epileptic condition, consult your physician prior to playing. If you experience any of the following symptoms while playing a video game—dizziness, altered vision, eye or muscle twitches, loss of awareness, disorientation, any involuntary movement, or convulsions—IMMEDIATELY discontinue use and consult your physician before resuming play.

WARNING TO OWNERS OF PROJECTION TELEVISIONS:

Do not connect the PlayStation game console to a projection TV without first consulting the user manual for your projection TV, unless it is of the LCD type. Otherwise, it may permanently damage your TV screen.

HANDLING THE PlayStation DISC:

- This compact disc is intended for use only with the PlayStation game console.
- Do not bend it, crush it, or submerge it in liquids.
- Do not leave it in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
- Be sure to take an occasional rest break during extended play.
- Keep this compact disc clean. Always hold the disc by the edges and keep it in its protective case when not in use. Clean the disc with a lint-free, soft, dry cloth, wiping in straight lines from center to outer edge. Never use solvents or abrasive cleaners.



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