

Figure 5.9 Scaffolded Online Games to Support Critical Thinking and Community Building

Game, Link, Recommended Grade Level	Description	Embedded Supports
Activate, Grades 6–8	This online game is framed around the topic of civic engagement. Players select a community cause that they must support, then work to raise awareness about the cause, manage their resources, and engage other stakeholders.	Labeled images, guided writing, embedded reading, interactive feedback and support, and repeated practice
Stop Disasters, Grades 6–10 (www.stopdisastersgame.org)	The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction developed this collaborative game to support learning about natural disaster relief. Players plan cities designed to protect their citizens against natural disasters and manage resources as needed. This game fosters collaboration and problem solving.	Labeled graphics, short definitions, fact sheets for background knowledge, and success reports formulated as a graphic organizer

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