

# EDUCATOR'S GUIDE

## THIS WAR OF MINE

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#### AGES

14+ years

#### RECOMMENDED FORMAT

PC or tablet

#### DEVICE / PLATFORM

Android, PlayStation 4, iOS, Xbox One, Windows PC, Mac, Linux

#### DEVELOPER

11 bit studios

#### LINKS / RESOURCES

[http://this-war-of-mine.wikia.com/wiki/This\\_War\\_of\\_Mine\\_Wiki](http://this-war-of-mine.wikia.com/wiki/This_War_of_Mine_Wiki)

### SAMPLE SCREEN



### GAME OVERVIEW

- A social simulation game where you control a group of 3 civilians trying to survive the horrors of war. Scavenge for items, rely on the skills of your group, and face difficult decisions along the way.
- For classroom use, consider playing 1-3 in-game "days" for discussion and encourage students to continue on their own time.

### THEMES



#### EMPATHY

What is it like to live in a war-torn region?  
Who do we become in desperate times?



#### WAR, SURVIVAL

Stay alive as long as you can by taking care of yourself and your friends.



#### DIFFICULT DECISIONS

To survive, you might need to steal from or hurt others. Is this ever okay?



#### COLLABORATION

Each character has unique strengths.  
Decide how to use them to stay alive longer.

### APPLICATIONS

- Understand ethical decision making and societal norms for behavior.
- Practice making difficult decisions.
- Build empathy for people in desperate situations.

#### PLAY DIFFICULTY

VERY EASY

#### TECH IMPLEMENTATION

DIGITAL GAME

The point-and-click style gameplay is easiest with a mouse and keyboard or a tablet interface. Introduce students to the action symbols they'll encounter in the game as prep.

### USE CASE

Aleksander Husoy uses This War of Mine in high school social studies as a way for students to build empathy for people living in war-torn regions and as an experiential learning tool for exploring ethical decision making and the moral choices we often take for granted in everyday, non-chaotic life. Students explore how they balance self-interest with the needs of others.

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