

Hall Talk

What are you thankful for?

Game Console Review Xbox Kinect vs. PlayStation Move

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When the Nintendo Wii came out people bought not only for their High Definition graphics and family friendly games, but for the motion-controlled Wii-motes, and now the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 can too.

On Sept. 17, The PlayStation 3 released a new product called PlayStation Move. PlayStation Move is a motion controlled system with sensors that detect the player's movements and translate them into the players gameplay. The thing that makes it different from the Nintendo Wii is that with the Nintendo Wii you can only move the remote up, down, left, and right. With the PlayStation Move you can move it in every direction you could think of. Each wireless Move controller has the four familiar symbol buttons surrounding a new "Move" button, which generally functions as the OK / Accept command input. Although of

course there is a down side, some of the PlayStations Move remotes have not been able to connect to the PlayStation 3 so you couldn't use them so you would have to return it for another set and hope they work.

Also on Nov. 4, The Xbox 360 also released a new product named Xbox Kinect. The Kinect is also a motion controlled Xbox attachment, but the thing about the Kinect is that you do not use any controllers. With Xbox Kinect you are the controller. The Kinect has a motion sensing camera that senses when you move and it uses that to move your character or avatar that you play as in the game. There is an issue that is happening to some Kinects. Some Kinects are not recognizing dark-skinned users.

So if you like to play motion controlled games these might be an option for you. The thing is, which one is for you, Xbox Kinect or PlayStation Move?

Book Review:

Odd Thomas By Dean Koontz

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Odd Thomas, written by Dean Koontz, engulfs the mind with vivid wording, constant plot twists, and never-ending action. This book combines science fiction with modern day problems.

This story follows the life of Odd Thomas, a young man with an extraordinary gift, who lives in the Pico Mundo. He can see lingering spirits and feels compelled to capture the murderer and prevent another life from ending.

In this story, the reader follows Thomas on his adventures in trying to prevent an unknown catastrophe from taking place. He powers through the non-stop action with Stormy Llewellyn, his soul mate, by his side, and the town's police chief and Thomas's supporter, Wyatt

Porter, at his back.

Thomas works at a local diner as a short-order cook, where he sees many characters, alive and dead. On the day highlighted in the book, he sees black figures, which, in the past, have followed people and gathered in places where bloody massacres occurred. On his morning shift, Thomas sees a man surrounded by these figures, foreshadowing future events.

In the end, Thomas risks his life to save multitudes. However he did not escape the fatal scenario unscathed.

Koontz captures his readers' attention right off the bat, and maintains the attention throughout the story with intense rising action and engaging subplots. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys action or wants a thrill or change of pace from common novels.

Song Lyrics:

Breakeven by The Script

I'm still alive but I'm barely breathing
 Just praying to a God that I don't believe in
 Cause I got time while she got freedom
 Cause when a heart breaks no it don't break even
 The best things would be some of my worst
 She finally met a man whose gonna put her first
 While I'm wide awake, she's no trouble sleeping
 Cause when a heart breaks no it don't break even, even, no
 What am I supposed to do when the best part of me was always you?
 And what am I supposed to say when I'm all choked up that you're okay
 I'm falling to pieces, yeah
 I'm falling to pieces
 They say bad things happen for a reason
 But no wise words gonna stop the bleeding
 Cause she moved on while I'm still grieving
 And when a heart breaks no it don't break even, even, oh
 What am I gonna do when the best part of me was always you
 And what am I supposed to say when I'm all choked up that you're okay
 I'm falling to pieces, yeah
 I'm falling to pieces, yeah
 I'm falling to pieces (one's still

in love while the other one's leaving)
 I'm falling to pieces (cause when a heart breaks no it don't break even)
 Oh, you got his heart and my heart and none of the pain
 You took your suitcase, I took the blame
 Now I'm trying to make sense of what little remains
 Oh, cause you left me with no love, and no love to my name
 I'm still alive but I'm barely breathing
 Just praying to a God that I don't believe in
 Cause I got time while she got freedom
 Cause when a heart breaks no it don't break
 No it don't break, no it don't break even, no
 What am I gonna do when the best part of me was always you
 And what am I supposed to say when I'm all choked up that you're okay
 (Oh glad you're okay now) I'm falling to pieces, yeah
 (Oh I'm glad you're okay) I'm falling to pieces, yeah
 I'm falling to pieces (one's still in love while the other one's leaving)
 I'm falling to pieces (cause when a heart breaks no it don't break even)
 Oh it don't break even, no
 Oh, it don't break even, no
 Oh, it don't break even, no



"I am thankful for family because they are always there."
Alexis Zazueta



"I am thankful for my friends because they are always there for me."
Jacob Hanni



"I am thankful for family because they care about me and support me."
Alejandra Partida



"I am thankful for being a student at WHS because this is a fun school to go to."
Jackson Foley



"I am thankful for being able to come back to the cheerleading squad because cheering is my life."
Kaitlyn Berglof



"I am thankful for my grandfather because he means everything to me."
Victoria Andres



"I am thankful for my friends and family because they are always there for me."
Ryan Amaru



"I am thankful for my friends because they have helped get me to this point in life."
Damian Chanthapseuth

Juniors



"I am thankful for everything I have because there are some people that do not have half the things I do."
Jennifer Pentz



"I am thankful for my family because they are there for our every need."
Nathon Boyd



"I am thankful for music because it is pretty legit."
Kylie Gammon



"I am thankful for music because it inspires me to what I am going to do later on in life."
Sean Coats

Seniors



"I am thankful for living in Willows because it is a pretty good town."
Sam Amaro



"I am thankful for family because they support me in every step."
Alicia Gonter



"I am thankful for family because ... I cannot put it in words."
Karen Izquierdo



"I am thankful for family and where I live; my family because they are always there; and living in Willows because it is not to hectic. It is a good size town."
Dalton Day

Vampire the Masquerade – Bloodlines

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Vampire the Masquerade – Bloodlines is a single player role-playing game developed by the White Wolf Inc, company in 2004. The game starts with the player as a character getting sired into one of the seven Camarilla vampire clans. The clans range from high class to completely mutilated, insane characters. Bloodlines takes place in the WoD (World of Darkness) and allows the player to switch between first and third person view with high resolution 3D graphics.

The game begins and ends depending on the decisions the character makes and the quests the player takes. There are six endings, and each depends on the path the player takes in the game. From the start,

the world takes on a realistic style with almost every character having something to say and a course of action to take. The game player will have to lie, deceive, steal, feed on humans, and fight to stay alive. Unlike most RPG's, the Bloodlines game is dynamic to where even an optional quest can effect the way the player finishes the game.

Within the world of Bloodlines, vampires try to uphold the rules of the Masquerade. With each violation of the rules a player risks exposing themselves as a vampire. Excessive violations lead to vampire hunters chasing after the character and cops shooting without warning.

Because of the games high popularity, fans of the game make patches and mods for the make to add quests and modes to the

gameplay. Camarilla Edition is one most popular mods that completely reconfigures the game adding new interactive features and victims to kill to the gameplay. Also there is the complain mod that allows the player to posses and control other characters in the game and use them as slaves or feeders.

Bloodlines is full of hours of suspense and mystery with a lot of violence and blood. Bloodlines is rated M with 4.5 out of 5 stars and I recommend purchasing from www.direct2drive.com. Vampire the Masquerade – Bloodlines will indulge your inner vampire.