

# Economic Prosperity | DIPLOMACY

## CIVILIZATION V: PARENT IMPACT GUIDE

AGE 11+ | 2-3 Hour Sessions

“[*Civilization*] makes you feel like you really are the king and that you’re making important decisions.”

--Sid Meier, Creator, *Civilization V*



### ABOUT CIVILIZATION V

In *Civilization V*, you play the leader of a burgeoning civilization, such as the Ottoman or Egyptian empire, from its humble beginnings to world supremacy. From fighting and befriending other civilizations around you, to building your civilization in favor of science, religion, or military, the success, failures, and eventual modernization of your civilization is entirely up to you. Will you be a peaceful nation, rising to power through technology and diplomacy, or will you raise an army with which to dominate the land? The choice is yours! For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1kpJhi7>.

### THEME FOR THIS GUIDE: Diplomacy

Progress in *Civilization V* requires interacting with other civilizations and city-states in order to progress and survive in the game. You must at least engage in warfare, but may also negotiate peace, trade, and alliances, among other processes. All of these interactions are influenced by factors like your strategy for victory, your chosen policy or religion, and resources in your territory.

<b>HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE</b>	Challenge your child to play <i>Civilization V</i> and reflect on their experiences interacting with other nations. How does <i>Civilization V</i> present diplomacy? How realistically do you feel that the game portrays the concerns and powers of a nation’s leader? When do you act as a diplomat in your own life? Use this guide and the Player Impact Guide to become familiar with <i>Civilization V</i> .
<b>DISCUSS THE GAME</b>	<p>...the gameplay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the first groups you encounter while playing? How did you decide to act with them? Why? [+1]</li> <li>• What natural resources are in your territory? Does this affect your interactions with other civilizations? [+2]</li> <li>• Did you play with a specific path to victory in mind? How does this influence the way you relate to other nations?</li> </ul> <p>... the game’s impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does <i>Civilization V</i> demonstrate about the factors influencing interaction between civilizations and countries? How can this help us understand international relations in our world? [+2]</li> <li>• How can this help us understand relations between people in our lives? [+2]</li> <li>• In what ways do you act as a diplomat in your own life? [+3]</li> </ul>
<b>INTERACT WITH THE GAME</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have your child pick two game achievements and describe how they were earned and what they mean. [+1]</li> <li>• Have your child choose two challenges and support their play as they complete them.[+2]</li> <li>• Play the game yourself, and complete the "Game Basics" section of the player Impact Guide. [+2]</li> <li>• Solve one challenge that your child sets up for you to complete with their help. [+2]</li> </ul>
<b>CONNECT THE GAME</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post a positive reflection on the CGI Facebook page: <a href="http://facebook.com/gamesandimpact">http://facebook.com/gamesandimpact</a> [+2]</li> <li>• Engage in conversations with other parents about your experience using the guide and playing the game. [+2]</li> <li>• Host a “Game Slam” event with this game, using these and other challenge questions you create. [+3]</li> </ul>

**Family Challenge:** Play *Civilization V* together as a family. Make decisions by consensus for five turns, then rotate leadership every five turns. Create a video of your family discussing how it went, post it to YouTube, and share the link on the Center for Games & Impact Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/gamesandimpact>.