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THE GAME MASTER'S CLASSROOM: TEACHING TIPS FROM TABLETOP ROLEPLAY ADVENTURING

Abstract. As an instructor with a background in fine arts, Sara found the parallels between running a role-playing adventure and running a classroom ironically similar. The most significant difference, really, was a disappointing lack of dragons in the classroom. She found her role as a teacher is also that of the game master, a guide for adventurers preparing them for their long and perilous journey. This presentation will explore the “Big Shift” online for both TTRPGs and education and tips she picked up for managing safety, communication, and cognitive load for her students and players. She will also cover the parallels of goal setting, modeling, and managing chaos in these teaching and adventuring settings.



