



HOW TO BE A GREAT GAME MASTER GM NOTES

GM Preparation: How To Make The Most Of It

Full video link: <https://youtu.be/5QmL1xn4fuQ>

In this video, we're looking at time management as GM's.

What do you do, versus what do you need to do versus what can you actually do?

Here are some questions to ask yourself when assessing how you spend your prep time as a GM:

- Understand/read your group – what do they want/expect?
 - What engages your group? Is it pretty maps? It is mini & models? Maybe it's just you and your game.
 - Continue with what your group responds to
 - No rule says you must. You volunteer your time, so use it wisely.
 - Find the minimum balance. What do you NEED to play the game vs what is NICE to have for the game.
- What do you like the most?
 - If you like doing it, do more. If you don't like doing it, do less or stop.
 - You are not the only person playing the game. You are not providing an entertainment service. You are a fellow player of the game, your title is GM.
 - Find a balance between what your players like and respond well to and what you enjoy doing. A little effort can make a huge difference but it must be mutual.
- Why do you GM? Would you prefer not to?
 - Do you GM because you're the only one willing to GM? Why not share the load if that's the case?
 - Share the load – players and GM's have an equal stake in the game, so the effort and work should be equal.
 - Including others – leads to a more inclusive and engaging game. It allows others to contribute to the game which gets them to invest in the game.
 - Focus on why you GM – it will seem like less effort if you are doing what you like to do rather than what you have to do.
- Challenge yourself/adjust your style – enjoy upping your game sometimes.



