



HOW TO BE A GREAT GAME MASTER GM NOTES

Quick Hacks to Growing Your Imagination

Full video link: <https://youtu.be/9fg2uAH8SnU>

Today we are talking about your imagination. Imagination is based on 4 principles which can be practiced and developed over time.

The 4 principles of imagination are:

- Experience
 - Just living counts, but using it counts for more.
 - Awareness is key – take your experiences and be aware of your emotions and responses. Remember them!
 - Draw upon experience to create real-life responses and reactions on the fly.
- Research
 - Learn more about different stuff.
 - This is something that you can actively do, but its also something that we do passively all the time.
 - Something as simple as watching a documentary on TV can be enough research to provide you with material to use in your games.
 - Pay attention to what you are watching and understand how it works. Then you can apply it to other stuff.
- Freeform association
 - Linking different things together. Take things that seem to not have anything in common with each other and link them together.
 - Build your narrative out of this by using your research to understand why these things would be linked together, and then use your experience to tell the emotional journey.
 - Link stuff to stuff – the links make the stuff interesting, that’s where the fun is.
- Inspiration
 - Stick a giant banana into it! Kickstart your inspiration with this.



