

Among Us !?

A look inside the hit game *Among Us*

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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, more and more young people are finding solace in the 2018 mobile and computer game, *Among Us*. *Among Us* is a mystery, puzzle party game that has players as part of a multi-colored crew on a space ship either doing tedious tasks or killing your fellow crew members as an “Imposter”, as the game calls them. These “Impostors”, whose goal is to kill everyone else, can be stopped by the ship’s crew if they are able to finish all the ship’s tasks before being killed, but beware, the

“Imposter can

travel through vents and manipulate the ship causing disasters. Despite moving out of Chariton, former CHS student Payson Bishop is still able to keep in touch with, his former classmates. Bishop says, “It’s cool to have a game we can all play together, without having to worry about who has an Xbox and who has a Playstation, we all can just get on our phones and play.”

After multiple games, players can develop an in game lingo that most *Among Us* players use. Such as SUS, which means “suspicious”, or AFK which means “away from keyboard”. Lingo like this helps players communicate more efficiently throughout the game.

Despite being released in June of 2018, *Among Us* did not reach its peak of popularity until 2020, possibly because more and more people are being quarantined at home with nothing to do but play video games. I’ve played *Among* with my friends several times,

and I typically have fun getting on *Among Us* and devising who the “Imposter” is depending on how well I know when my friends are lying, or when I am the “Imposter”, it’s fun to go around strategically eliminating the other players without getting caught. I think the playing *Among Us* is a great way for teens and young adults to blow off some steam after a long day and enjoy themselves, while at the same time staying alert due to the games tedious tasks and high tension.



(ABOVE) An Imposter and Their Victim.
Photo Illustration by Zach Young

Who’s the Imposter?

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“Red for sure!”

- Marcus Woods ‘21



“I dont know, Orange is pretty SUS.”

- Aubrey Williams ‘24



“ PINK VENTED!”

- Reagan Gall ‘23



“I’m skipping vote.”

- Mac Rich ‘21