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Assignment #2

Question #1

Working with Christine Liu, we've come up with five attributes that charaterize deep engagement experiences:

- Unpredictability
- Sense of accomplishment
- motor/sensor activity level
- related personal experiences
- emotional component

The experiences we are considering in drawing the map are: coding/debugging, revisiting past experiences, watching movies, running (or other athletics activities), IM chatting with friends, artisitic projects like sculpturing and painting, team/class discussion, gambling/watch porn (some addictive stuff), shopping, performing on stages, situating in a 100% new environment.

Question #2

Personally, I contribute and I read reviews on Amazon.com (books) and IMDB.com (movies). I checked Rotten Tomatoes from time to time, but IMDB is the place to go whenever I need suggestions and reviews of movies. I think the reason is that RT only provides us with professional critics, and I share many different movie watching experiences with those professional critics. Those one-sentence critic lines do very little help on providing me valuable information.

I contribute my experiences on Amazon or IMDB because it's a growing and established community. You can share what you think, and get to see others' reponse to your reviews and opinions. You get happy when you find others sharing the same point of view with you, and you reflect (sometimes get pissed) and try to persuade people when others disagree with you. A respect and free atmosphere of exchanging ideas/opinions is a critical factor of a successful community like Amazon and IMDB.