

Video Game History Trivia

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1. Which arcade game released by Taito in 1978 is credited with sparking the 'golden age' of arcade games?

- A) Pac-Man
- B) Space Invaders**
- C) Donkey Kong
- D) Asteroids

2. What was the first home video game console to use interchangeable ROM cartridges?

- A) Atari 2600
- B) Magnavox Odyssey
- C) Fairchild Channel F**
- D) ColecoVision

3. In which year was the original Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) released in North America?

- A) 1983
- B) 1985**
- C) 1987
- D) 1989

4. Who is the primary character designer credited with creating Mario for the 1981 game Donkey Kong?

- A) Shigeru Miyamoto**
- B) Hideo Kojima
- C) Satoshi Tajiri
- D) Yuji Naka

5. Which game holds the Guinness World Record as the best-selling single video game of all time (as of 2023)?

- A) Grand Theft Auto V
- B) Minecraft**
- C) Tetris
- D) Wii Sports

6. What was the first commercially successful video game, released by Atari in 1972?

- A) Pong**
- B) Computer Space
- C) Breakout
- D) Centipede

7. Which company developed the Sega Genesis, known as the Mega Drive in international markets?

- A) Nintendo
- B) Sony
- C) Sega**
- D) NEC

8. The 'Great Video Game Crash' that significantly impacted the North American industry occurred in which year?

- A) 1979
- B) 1983**
- C) 1987
- D) 1991

9. What was the name of the first handheld console to feature a backlit color screen, released by Nintendo in 2003?

- A) Game Boy Color
- B) Game Boy Advance SP**
- C) Nintendo DS
- D) Game Gear

10. Which 3D platformer, released for the Nintendo 64 in 1996, is widely considered a milestone in 3D game design?

- A) Super Mario 64**
- B) Crash Bandicoot
- C) Spyro the Dragon
- D) Banjo-Kazooie

11. The PlayStation console, released by Sony in 1994, used which format for its game software?

- A) CD-ROM**
- B) Floppy Disk
- C) DVD
- D) Cartridge

12. Which iconic character made their debut in the 1980 game Pac-Man?

- A) Blinky
- B) Pinky
- C) Inky
- D) All of these**