

Video Game History Basics

Video Game History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is widely considered the first commercially successful arcade video game?

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

2. Which company released the Atari 2600 home video game console?

- A) Nintendo
- B) Sega
- C) Atari**
- D) Magnavox

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

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

4. Who is the protagonist of the iconic 1981 arcade game Donkey Kong?

- A) Luigi
- B) Link
- C) Mario**
- D) Pac-Man

5. Which handheld gaming device was released by Nintendo in 1989?

- A) Game Boy**
- B) Game Gear
- C) Atari Lynx
- D) Neo Geo Pocket

6. What was the name of the first home video game console, released in 1972?

- A) Atari 2600
- B) ColecoVision
- C) Magnavox Odyssey**
- D) Intellivision

7. The video game crash of 1983 significantly impacted which market?

- A) Japanese arcade games
- B) European computer games
- C) North American home consoles**
- D) South American mobile games

8. Which company developed the popular arcade game 'Space Invaders'?

- A) Nintendo
- B) Namco
- C) Taito**
- D) Konami

9. What was the main rival console to the Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES) in the 16-bit era?

- A) Sega Saturn
- B) PlayStation
- C) Sega Genesis**
- D) Nintendo 64

10. The PlayStation console was developed by which company?

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

11. Which game, released in 1980, involved eating dots and avoiding ghosts?

- A) Galaga
- B) Pac-Man**
- C) Centipede
- D) Asteroids

12. What was the first commercially successful massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG)?

- A) World of Warcraft
- B) EverQuest
- C) Ultima Online**
- D) Runescape

13. Which of these is a classic early PC game genre known for strategic combat and resource management?

- A) Platformer
- B) Fighting game
- C) Real-time strategy**
- D) Puzzle game

14. What was the name of the first home console to use interchangeable cartridges?

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

15. Which influential first-person shooter was released by id Software in 1993?

- A) Half-Life
- B) Doom**
- C) Quake
- D) Wolfenstein 3D

16. The console wars of the 1990s primarily featured a rivalry between Nintendo and which other company?

- A) Sony
- B) Microsoft
- C) Sega**
- D) Atari

17. What is the name of the virtual pet craze that originated in Japan in the late 1990s?

- A) Furby
- B) Tamagotchi**
- C) Beanie Babies
- D) Pogs

18. Which company developed the iconic handheld gaming device, the Game Boy?

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

19. What year did Microsoft release its first home video game console, the Xbox?

- A) 1998
- B) 2000
- C) 2001**
- D) 2003

20. Which game is often credited with popularizing the 'survival horror' genre?

- A) Silent Hill
- B) Resident Evil**
- C) Alone in the Dark
- D) Dead Space