

Early Video Game Wonders

Video Game History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What was the name of the very first widely successful arcade video game, released in 1972, where players controlled a paddle to hit a bouncing ball?

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

2. Which company released the Magnavox Odyssey, considered the first home video game console in 1972?

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

3. Who is often credited with creating the very first video game, 'Tennis for Two', in 1958, using an oscilloscope?

- A) Nolan Bushnell
- B) Shigeru Miyamoto
- C) William Higinbotham**
- D) Ralph H. Baer

4. What iconic 1978 arcade game, featuring aliens descending from the top of the screen, was so popular it caused a temporary coin shortage in Japan?

- A) Donkey Kong
- B) Galaxian
- C) Space Invaders**
- D) Centipede

5. The Atari 2600, released in 1977, was a groundbreaking home console that used interchangeable cartridges to play different games. What company developed it?

- A) Magnavox
- B) Coleco
- C) Atari**
- D) Mattel

6. What character, known for his distinctive yellow, circular shape and love for eating dots, first appeared in arcades in 1980?

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

7. Which game, released in 1981, introduced the character of Mario (originally called 'Jumpman') and involved climbing ladders to rescue a damsel in distress from an ape?

- A) Super Mario Bros.
- B) Donkey Kong**
- C) Mario Bros.
- D) Yoshi's Island

8. The 'Video Game Crash of 1983' significantly impacted the North American market. What company, known for its popular 'ET the Extra-Terrestrial' game, is often associated with this crash?

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

9. What Japanese company revitalized the home video game market in 1985 with the release of the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES)?

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

10. Which groundbreaking adventure game, first released in 1986 for the Famicom, featured a silent protagonist named Link exploring the land of Hyrule?

- A) Metroid
- B) Final Fantasy
- C) The Legend of Zelda**
- D) Dragon Quest

11. In 1989, Nintendo released a portable gaming device that allowed people to play games on the go. What was it called?

- A) Game Gear
- B) Game Boy**
- C) Atari Lynx
- D) WonderSwan

12. What iconic blue hedgehog, known for his super speed, was created by Sega as a rival to Nintendo's Mario?

A) Crash Bandicoot

B) Sonic

C) Mega Man

D) Rayman

13. The Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES), released in 1990, was known for its advanced graphics and sound. What company manufactured this console?

A) Sega

B) Atari

C) Sony

D) Nintendo

14. What puzzle game, featuring falling blocks that players must arrange to clear lines, became a massive international hit in the late 1980s and early 1990s?

A) Bejeweled

B) Candy Crush Saga

C) Tetris

D) Dr. Mario

15. Which company released the PlayStation console in 1994, marking a significant entry into the home video game market and ushering in a new era of 3D graphics?

A) Nintendo

B) Sega

C) Sony

D) Microsoft