

# Video Game History Trivia for Teens

Video Game History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

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**1. What was the first commercially successful video game, released in 1972, that popularized the arcade industry?**

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

**2. Which Japanese company is credited with releasing the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) in North America in 1985, revitalizing the home console market after a crash?**

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

**3. The iconic character Mario first appeared in which 1981 arcade game, albeit under a different name?**

- A) Super Mario Bros.
- B) Donkey Kong**
- C) Mario Bros.
- D) The Legend of Zelda

**4. What was the primary format for storing games on early home computers and consoles like the Atari 2600?**

- A) CD-ROMs
- B) Blu-ray Discs
- C) Cartridges**
- D) Floppy Disks

**5. Released in 1996, the Nintendo 64 was one of the first consoles to widely adopt which new technology for its games?**

- A) Motion controls
- B) 3D graphics**
- C) Virtual reality
- D) Online multiplayer

**6. Which groundbreaking first-person shooter, released in 1993, is often credited with popularizing the genre and pushing graphical boundaries?**

A) Halo: Combat Evolved

**B) Doom**

C) Wolfenstein 3D

D) Quake

**7. The 'Game Boy' was a revolutionary portable gaming device released by Nintendo in 1989. What was its best-selling game?**

A) Super Mario Land

B) The Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening

**C) Tetris**

D) Pokémon Red/Blue

**8. What company released the original PlayStation console in 1994, significantly impacting the gaming landscape with its CD-ROM technology?**

A) Microsoft

B) Nintendo

C) Sega

**D) Sony**

**9. Which of these games is considered one of the earliest examples of a 'sandbox' or 'open-world' game, allowing players significant freedom in its 1985 release?**

**A) The Legend of Zelda**

B) Super Mario Bros.

C) Grand Theft Auto

D) Metroid

**10. The 'Easter egg' phenomenon in video games, a hidden message or feature, is often attributed to a secret message found in which Atari 2600 game from 1979?**

A) Pac-Man

B) Combat

C) Pitfall!

**D) Adventure**

**11. What was the name of the first widely successful home video game console, released in 1972?**

A) Atari 2600

**B) Magnavox Odyssey**

C) ColecoVision

D) Intellivision

**12. Which popular arcade game, released in 1980, featured a yellow, pizza-shaped character eating dots and avoiding ghosts?**

- A) Donkey Kong
- B) Galaga
- C) Pac-Man**
- D) Frogger

**13. The Sega Genesis (known as the Mega Drive outside North America) was a major competitor to the Super Nintendo. What was its mascot character?**

- A) Sonic the Hedgehog**
- B) Alex Kidd
- C) Tails
- D) Knuckles

**14. The introduction of the Xbox by Microsoft in 2001 marked the company's entry into the home console market. What was a key feature introduced with the Xbox?**

- A) Built-in internet browser
- B) Hard drive for game saves**
- C) Wireless controllers as standard
- D) Blu-ray playback

**15. What gaming franchise, debuting in 1985, is known for its intricate puzzles, exploration, and the introduction of the character Samus Aran?**

- A) Metroid**
- B) Castlevania
- C) Mega Man
- D) Contra