

Video Game History Trivia for Teens

Video Game History · Practice Test · 15 Questions

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