

Adventures in Video Game History

Video Game History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. What was one of the very first video games, created in 1958, that involved two players hitting a ball back and forth on a screen?

- A) Pong
- B) Space Invaders
- C) Tennis for Two**
- D) Pac-Man

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

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

3. What popular arcade game, released in 1980, features a yellow character eating dots and avoiding ghosts?

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

4. Which company is famous for creating the Super Mario Bros. series?

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

5. What was the name of the first successful home video game console that used cartridges, released by Atari in 1977?

- A) ColecoVision
- B) Intellivision
- C) Atari 2600**
- D) Odyssey 2

6. In the classic game 'Space Invaders', what is the main goal of the player?

- A) Collect coins
- B) Rescue princesses
- C) Shoot down descending aliens**
- D) Build a city

7. What is the name of the plucky plumber who first appeared in the game 'Donkey Kong'?

- A) Link
- B) Master Chief
- C) Mario**
- D) Sonic

8. Which handheld gaming device, released by Nintendo in 1989, became incredibly popular for playing games on the go?

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

9. What popular video game character is a blue hedgehog known for his speed?

- A) Crash Bandicoot
- B) Sonic**
- C) Pikachu
- D) Spyro

10. The PlayStation console, a major competitor to Nintendo and Sega, was first released by which company?

- A) Microsoft
- B) Sony**
- C) Panasonic
- D) Philips

11. What does the 'NES' stand for in the Nintendo Entertainment System?

- A) New Entertainment System
- B) Nintendo Electronic System
- C) Nintendo Entertainment System**
- D) Network Entertainment System

12. Which early arcade game, released in 1979, involved a player flying a spaceship through an asteroid field?

- A) Defender
- B) Asteroids**
- C) Tempest
- D) Galaxian