

Fundamentals of Video Game History

History Of Video Games · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which 1972 arcade game, developed by Atari, is widely considered the first commercially successful video game?

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

2. Which company released the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) in North America in 1985, helping to revive the video game industry?

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

3. In 1980, which iconic maze-chase game featured a yellow character eating dots and avoiding ghosts?

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

4. The 'Great Video Game Crash' of 1983 was primarily caused by an oversupply of low-quality games on which console?

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

5. Which handheld console, released by Nintendo in 1989, popularized portable gaming with its bundled game 'Tetris'?

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

6. Which game, released by id Software in 1993, is credited with popularizing the First-Person Shooter (FPS) genre?

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

7. In 1994, which company entered the console market with the release of the PlayStation, utilizing CD-ROM technology?

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

8. The character Mario made his first appearance in which 1981 arcade game?

- A) Donkey Kong**
- B) Super Mario Bros.
- C) Mario Kart
- D) Wrecking Crew

9. Which game series, first released in 1996, revolves around capturing, training, and battling creatures?

- A) Digimon
- B) Monster Rancher
- C) Pokémon**
- D) Dragon Quest

10. Microsoft entered the home console market in 2001 with the release of which system?

- A) Xbox**
- B) Dreamcast
- C) GameCube
- D) PlayStation 2

11. Which legendary game designer is credited with creating the Mario, Zelda, and Donkey Kong franchises?

- A) Hideo Kojima
- B) Shigeru Miyamoto**
- C) Sid Meier
- D) Will Wright

12. What was the first commercially available home video game console, released in 1972?

A) Magnavox Odyssey

B) Atari 2600

C) ColecoVision

D) Intellivision

13. Which 1978 arcade game is credited with starting the 'Golden Age' of arcade video games?

A) Space Invaders

B) Galaxian

C) Defender

D) Asteroids

14. Which massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG), released by Blizzard Entertainment in 2004, became a cultural phenomenon?

A) EverQuest

B) World of Warcraft

C) Ultima Online

D) Final Fantasy XI

15. The Sega Genesis was released in North America in 1989 to compete directly with which Nintendo console?

A) Super Nintendo

B) Nintendo 64

C) NES

D) GameCube