

Video Game History Trivia

Video Game History · Answer Key · 21 Questions

1. What was the first commercially successful video game, released in 1972?

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

2. Which company released the Atari 2600, a groundbreaking home video game console?

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

3. The iconic plumber Mario first appeared in which 1981 arcade game?

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

4. What event in the early 1980s severely damaged the North American video game market?

- A) The rise of mobile gaming
- B) The video game crash of 1983**
- C) The introduction of CD-ROM technology
- D) The popularity of board games

5. Which Nintendo console is credited with reviving the home video game industry after the crash?

- A) Game Boy
- B) Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES)
- C) Nintendo Entertainment System (NES)**
- D) Nintendo 64

6. What was the first widely successful handheld video game console, released by Nintendo in 1989?

- A) Game Gear
- B) Atari Lynx
- C) Neo Geo Pocket Color
- D) Game Boy**

7. Which Sega console was a direct competitor to the Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES)?

- A) Sega Saturn
- B) Sega Dreamcast
- C) Sega Genesis**
- D) Sega Master System

8. What 1993 game is often credited with popularizing the first-person shooter (FPS) genre?

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

9. Sony's first home console, released in 1994, was the:

- A) PlayStation 2
- B) PlayStation**
- C) PlayStation 3
- D) PSP

10. What groundbreaking Nintendo 64 game revolutionized 3D platforming and analog control in 1996?

- A) Super Mario 64**
- B) The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time
- C) GoldenEye 007
- D) Banjo-Kazooie

11. Which console was the first to use DVD-ROMs for game storage, significantly increasing storage capacity?

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

12. Microsoft entered the console market in 2001 with the release of the:

- A) Xbox 360
- B) Xbox One
- C) Xbox**
- D) Zune

13. What popular online multiplayer game, released in 2004, was one of the first massively multiplayer online role-playing games (MMORPGs) to gain mainstream success?

- A) EverQuest
- B) World of Warcraft**
- C) Final Fantasy XI
- D) Guild Wars

14. The Nintendo DS, released in 2004, was notable for its dual screens and what other input method?

- A) Motion controls
- B) Touchscreen**
- C) Voice commands
- D) Stylus

15. Which gaming franchise debuted on the original PlayStation and is known for its stealth gameplay and iconic protagonist Solid Snake?

- A) Resident Evil
- B) Metal Gear Solid**
- C) Final Fantasy VII
- D) Crash Bandicoot

16. The Wii's innovative motion controls, introduced in 2006, made it accessible to a wider audience, including families and older adults. What was its primary input device?

- A) DualShock controller
- B) Wii Remote (Wiimote)**
- C) Kinect sensor
- D) Gamepad

17. What influential indie game, released in 2010, allowed players to mine and build in a procedurally generated 2D world, becoming a massive commercial success?

- A) Terraria
- B) Starbound
- C) Minecraft**
- D) Stardew Valley

18. Which PlayStation console, released in 2013, became the best-selling console of all time?

- A) PlayStation 4**
- B) PlayStation 5
- C) PlayStation 3
- D) PlayStation Vita

19. The introduction of which technology by Microsoft's Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 enabled more realistic graphics and complex game worlds?

A) 3D graphics acceleration

B) High-definition graphics (HD)

C) Ray tracing

D) Virtual reality

20. What popular battle royale game, released in 2017, rapidly became a global phenomenon and a major influence on the esports scene?

A) Apex Legends

B) PUBG: Battlegrounds

C) Fortnite

D) Call of Duty: Warzone

21. Which company developed the highly successful 'The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild', released in 2017 for the Nintendo Switch?

A) Sony

B) Microsoft

C) Nintendo

D) Ubisoft