

Early Milestones in Video Game History

Video Game History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What is widely considered the first video game ever created, developed in 1958?

- A) Spacewar!
- B) Pong
- C) Tennis for Two**
- D) Pac-Man

2. Which early computer game, released in 1962, featured two players controlling spaceships and firing missiles?

- A) OXO
- B) Spacewar!**
- C) Computer Space
- D) Galaxy Game

3. What company released the first commercially successful arcade video game in 1971, called 'Computer Space'?

- A) Atari
- B) Magnavox
- C) Midway
- D) Nutting Associates**

4. The Magnavox Odyssey, released in 1972, was the first home video game console. What was a unique feature of its controllers?

- A) They had built-in speakers
- B) They were wireless
- C) They did not have buttons, but relied on a dial**
- D) They featured analog joysticks

5. What simple yet groundbreaking arcade game, released by Atari in 1972, is credited with popularizing video games?

- A) Breakout
- B) Pong**
- C) Space Invaders
- D) Asteroids

6. Which company launched the Atari Video Computer System (later known as the Atari 2600) in 1977, a console that became hugely popular?

- A) Nintendo
- B) Coleco
- C) Atari**
- D) Mattel

7. The game 'Space Invaders,' released in 1978, was the first video game to have a significant impact on what aspect of society?

- A) Fashion trends
- B) Coin shortages**
- C) Music charts
- D) Literary genres

8. What was the first home console to feature interchangeable cartridges, allowing players to play multiple games on one system?

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

9. Which early video game, released in 1979, was the first to use a scrolling background to create a sense of continuous movement?

- A) Galaxian
- B) Defender**
- C) Asteroids
- D) Pac-Man

10. What game, released in 1980, introduced the concept of a recognizable character and a distinct maze-based gameplay loop?

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

11. The game 'Donkey Kong,' released in 1981, is notable for introducing which iconic Nintendo character in his first appearance?

- A) Luigi
- B) Link
- C) Mario**
- D) Pikachu

12. What was the first home console to successfully compete with Atari in the North American market, released in 1978?

A) Intellivision

B) ColecoVision

C) Channel F

D) Odyssey²

13. Which early video game, released in 1978, was the first to feature multiple distinct enemy types with different behaviors?

A) Space Invaders

B) Galaxian

C) Asteroids

D) Defender

14. The game 'Dragon's Lair,' released in 1983, was pioneering for its extensive use of what type of media?

A) 3D rendered graphics

B) Full-motion video animation

C) Early CGI

D) Vector graphics

15. What was the first Japanese company to have a major impact on the home video game console market with its Famicom/NES?

A) Sega

B) Sony

C) Nintendo

D) Capcom

16. The game 'Elite,' released in 1984, was one of the first to feature what kind of complex game world generation?

A) Procedural generation

B) AI-driven storytelling

C) Dynamic world maps

D) User-created levels

17. What invention by Ralph H. Baer is considered the 'father of video games' and led to the development of the first home video game console?

A) The joystick

B) The video game console

C) The graphics chip

D) The arcade cabinet

18. Which game, released in 1985, revolutionized the platforming genre and introduced the concept of power-ups that granted new abilities?

A) Sonic the Hedgehog

B) Super Mario Bros.

C) Castlevania

D) Metroid