

Early Milestones in Video Game History

Video Game History · Practice Test · 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