

Video Game History Quiz

Video Game History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which game is widely considered one of the first commercially successful arcade video games, released by Atari in 1972?

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

2. In which decade was the Magnavox Odyssey, the world's first home video game console, released?

- A) 1950s
- B) 1960s
- C) 1970s**
- D) 1980s

3. Which company created the iconic character Mario, who first appeared in the game Donkey Kong?

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

4. What was the name of the first handheld game console with interchangeable cartridges, released by Milton Bradley in 1979?

- A) Game Boy
- B) Microvision**
- C) Nintendo DS
- D) Atari Lynx

5. Which 1980 arcade game features a yellow character navigating a maze while being chased by ghosts?

- A) Galaga
- B) Pac-Man**
- C) Frogger
- D) Centipede

6. The Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) was released in North America in which year?

A) 1982

B) 1985

C) 1988

D) 1990

7. Which Japanese company produced the Sega Genesis console?

A) Nintendo

B) Sega

C) Sony

D) Capcom

8. What is the name of the first commercially successful video game created by Nolan Bushnell and Ted Dabney?

A) Computer Space

B) Pong

C) Asteroids

D) Breakout

9. Which handheld gaming device did Nintendo release in 1989 that popularized portable gaming worldwide?

A) Game Gear

B) Game Boy

C) Neo Geo Pocket

D) WonderSwan

10. In the original Super Mario Bros. game, what is the name of the kingdom the player must save?

A) Hyrule

B) Mushroom Kingdom

C) Dream Land

D) Kanto

11. Which company released the PlayStation console in 1994?

A) Nintendo

B) Sega

C) Sony

D) Microsoft

12. The game Tetris was created by a software engineer from which country?

- A) United States
- B) Japan
- C) Soviet Union**
- D) United Kingdom

13. What was the best-selling game console of all time as of 2023?

- A) PlayStation 2**
- B) Nintendo Switch
- C) Xbox 360
- D) Wii

14. Which company is responsible for the creation of the character Sonic the Hedgehog?

- A) Sega**
- B) Nintendo
- C) Konami
- D) Namco

15. Which home console, released in 2006, introduced motion-controlled gaming to a mainstream audience?

- A) Xbox 360
- B) PlayStation 3
- C) Wii**
- D) GameCube

16. What was the first home console to use optical discs instead of cartridges for its games?

- A) TurboGrafx-CD**
- B) Sega CD
- C) 3DO
- D) PlayStation

17. Which iconic space-themed arcade game released in 1978 involved defending Earth from falling aliens?

- A) Space Invaders**
- B) Galaxian
- C) Asteroids
- D) Defender

18. In 1977, Atari released which famous console that helped standardize the use of plug-in game cartridges?

A) Atari 2600

B) Atari 5200

C) Atari 7800

D) Atari XEGS