

Video Game History Quiz

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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