

Fortnite most influential video game of the decade

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The technology website wired.com has released its list of the most influential video games of the decade. Number one on the list of games that had the biggest impact on the gaming industry in the 2010s is Fortnite. In second place is another game that attracted millions of gamers to take up gaming - Minecraft. Other games in the top five are Dark Souls, Gone Home, and The Legend of Zelda. Many people might argue other games should have been on the list. Games on other top-five lists include Super Mario Galaxy 2 and Pokemon Go, which was the first major game to incorporate Augmented Reality (AR). Pokemon Go had millions of gamers running around the world's streets in search of mythical, cute creatures.

Wired.com said so many creative games were released in the 2010s and many of them "reshaped the entire video game landscape". It said: "This list can only contain a limited sample of games, just those that made the most sizable, culture-shifting impact." The reason Fortnite topped the list is, "because it's one of the only games of the decade to truly infiltrate broader pop culture". Fortnite is now more popular than many global sports. The annual Fortnite World Cup takes place at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York, home of the US tennis Open. A total of \$30 million went to the winners in 2019. Wired said there is more to come from Fortnite. It wrote: "Its influence is just starting to show its true scope."

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Writing

Video games are more fun and interesting than sports. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

technology / video games / gaming / argue / top-five / lists / mythical / creatures creative / landscape / sample / culture / decade / sports / tennis / winners / influence

True / False

- a) A website called wired.com made a list of the decade's best video games. T / F
- b) The game Minecraft was in second place and Pokemon Go was third. T / F
- c) Many people thought Super Mario Galaxy 2 should have been in the list. T / F
- d) Pokemon Go was one of the first big sites to use AR. T / F
- e) A website said there were very few creative games in the 2010s. T / F
- f) The website said Fortnite was number one for infiltrating pop culture. T / F
- g) The article said Fortnite was nearly as popular as many global sports. T / F
- h) The winners of the Fortnite World Cup got \$30 million in 2019. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. released | a. large |
| 2. influential | b. beasts |
| 3. attracted | c. get into |
| 4. include | d. important |
| 5. creatures | e. range |
| 6. entire | f. issued |
| 7. landscape | g. contain |
| 8. sizable | h. scene |
| 9. infiltrate | i. drew |
| 10. scope | j. whole |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of video games?
- b) What do you think the best video game is?
- c) What do you know about Fortnite?
- d) How important are video games?
- e) Are you surprised the games industry is bigger than the movie industry?
- f) Why are video games so popular?
- g) What are the bad things about video games?
- h) What damage can video games do to our health?

Phrase Match

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 4. millions of gamers running
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 6. reshaped the entire video game
 7. those that made the most sizable,
 8. pop
 9. A total of \$30 million
 10. Its influence is just
- a. of gamers
 - b. cute creatures
 - c. starting to show
 - d. culture
 - e. most influential video games
 - f. went to the winners
 - g. around the world's streets
 - h. culture-shifting impact
 - i. incorporate Augmented Reality
 - j. landscape

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think about Fortnite?
- c) How creative are you?
- d) How have video games changed the world?
- e) Which is better - playing video games or playing sports?
- f) Would you want your children to spend hours on video games?
- g) What will video games look like in the future?
- h) What questions would you like to ask a world gaming champion?

Spelling

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10. truly anitletirf broader pop culture
11. The lnunaa Fortnite World Cup
12. Its fcinneul is just starting to show

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. g	5. b
6. j	7. e	8. a	9. c	10. e

Role Play

Role A – Super Mario

You think Super Mario is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Angry Birds, Pokemon Go or Fortnite.

Role B – Angry Birds

You think Angry Birds is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Super Mario, Pokemon Go or Fortnite.

Role C – Pokemon Go

You think Pokemon Go is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Angry Birds, Super Mario or Fortnite.

Role D – Fortnite

You think Fortnite is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Angry Birds, Pokemon Go or Super Mario.

Speaking – The Best Games

Rank these with your partner. Put the best video games at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Minecraft
- Fortnite
- The Legend of Zelda
- Pokemon Go
- Super Mario
- Angry Birds
- Grand Theft Auto
- FIFA Soccer

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.