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Video Games

1958 - "Tennis for Two":

Imagine a time when computers were as huge as rooms! In 1958, a physicist named William Higinbotham created "Tennis for Two." It wasn't like the games we have today. People played it on a massive computer screen, moving a little dot to hit a ball back and forth, just like in tennis! This was one of the earliest video games ever made.

1972 - "Pong":

"Pong" changed everything! It was released in 1972 and became the very first widely popular video game. People loved it! In "Pong," players controlled paddles to hit a ball back and forth on their TV screens. It was simple but so much fun!

1980 - "Pac-Man":

"Pac-Man" was introduced in 1980 and became a global sensation! Players guided a little yellow circle named Pac-Man through mazes, gobbling up dots and avoiding colorful ghosts. It was a huge hit, with Pac-Man becoming an icon of the gaming world.

1985 - "Super Mario Bros.":

The famous plumber Mario jumped into our hearts in 1985! "Super Mario Bros." took players on an incredible adventure. Mario had to rescue Princess Peach from the villain Bowser. This game became a classic and made Mario one of the most beloved characters in video game history.

2006 - Nintendo Wii:

The Nintendo Wii changed how people played games. It was launched in 2006 and used special motion controls. Suddenly, players could swing virtual tennis rackets or bowl by moving their bodies! It brought a whole new way of playing games into our living rooms.

2010s - Rise of Mobile Gaming:

As smartphones and tablets became popular, so did mobile gaming! People started playing games on their phones wherever they went. From puzzles to adventures, there were so many games to enjoy on the go.

2020s - Evolving Video Games:

In the 2020s, video games continued to evolve. The graphics became stunning, making game worlds look almost real! There were games for exploring vast worlds, solving tricky puzzles, and even experiencing adventures in virtual reality.

The history of video games shows how they've changed from simple dots on screens to incredible adventures we can enjoy in so many different ways today! Each step in this timeline brought new excitement and innovation to the world of gaming. What do you think video games will be like in 2040?

2040s - Future Video Games:

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Use the headings from the story to label the timeline.

VIDEO GAMES TIMELINE ACTIVITY