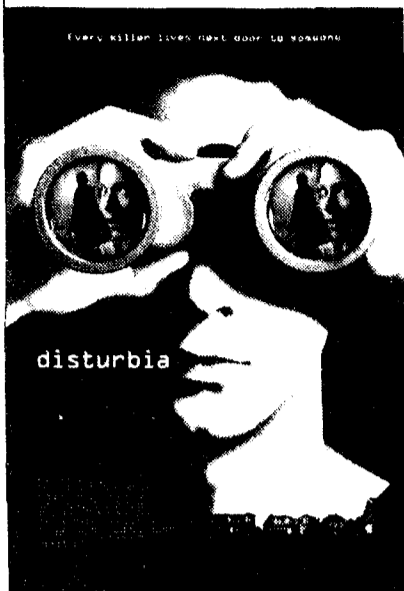


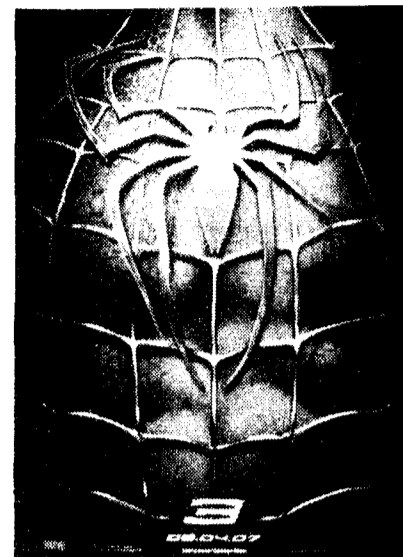
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Top Box Office



- 1 Disturbia
- 2 Fracture
- 3 Blades of Glory
- 4 Vacancy
- 5 Meet the Robinsons
- 6 Hot Fuzz
- 7 Are We Done Yet?
- 8 In The Land of Women
- 9 Perfect Stranger
- 10 Wild Hogs

Top Game Rentals



- 1 Spider-Man 3
- 2 Super Paper Mario
- 3 TMNT
- 4 Tom Clancy's Ghost
- 5 God of War II
- 6 Mass Effect
- 7 Earth Defense Force 2017
- 8 Armored Core 4
- 9 Crackdown
- 10 Def Jam: Icon

Mario to Resident Evil: Top Games of All Time

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As we approach the end of yet another semester at Penn State Harrisburg, let us look back upon precious gems from earlier ages of gaming. Some people, especially more recent gamers, converts, may not remember some of the games discussed in this article, other gamers should bring back fond memories of one's childhood.

Before the full-color adventures of a certain famous plumber, Nintendo released a series of handheld systems, each of which featured an individual game. Each of these handheld devices is known as a "Game & Watch."

Original Game & Watch titles featured silhouette characters, later collectively dubbed as a single character: Mr. Game & Watch. Although these games were not terribly complex, for many they were the first glimpse into the world of videogaming.

No list of revolutionary videogames is complete without the original Super Mario Bros. The game's title character, the heroic plumber named Mario, first appeared as "Jumpin'" in the



arcade classic Donkey Kong.

Since then, Mario has spawned an entire series of games and earned his place in videogame history as

Nintendo's official mascot.

Aside from Mario and his brother Luigi, the original Super Mario Bros. introduces many staple

characters that would reappear throughout the series. Mario's love interest and perpetual damsel-in-distress Peach, his evil arch-enemy Bowser, and baddies such as the goombas, all make their debut in this unforgettable game.

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As Nintendo prepared its champions for their revival on the Super Nintendo, rival company Sega had its own plans. The second installment of Sega's

masochist, Sonic the Hedgehog, introduced Sonic's friend Tails and surpassed all sales expectations.

The Sonic franchise gave Nintendo fierce competition on all grounds, as the respective ratings for the Super Mario Bros. Super Show and the two Sonic the Hedgehog cartoons are obvious examples of this.

Back on Nintendo's side, independent developer Capcom released a game that would define the fighting game genre: Street Fighter II.

This game was so popular in its day that it spawned multiple incarnations with version-exclusive characters. Although many Street Fighter games followed this one, none has been as revolutionary as Street Fighter II.

In 1991, Mega Man X began a new and exciting saga on the Super Nintendo, set many years after the original NES Mega Man games.

For the time, Mega Man X had stunningly detailed graphics, sound and game-play. The series starts fresh with the advent of the Maverick Wars.

This game introduced new characters, weapons and features that ensured the success of the series for years to come. This game was remade in 2005 for the PlayStation Portable with modern graphics, and remains my favorite game of all time.

All Legend of Zelda games have

been relatively popular, but none has ever come even remotely close to achieving the same level of greatness as the Nintendo 64's Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time. Following the adventures of a young boy named Link, Ocarina of Time takes the player through many detailed environments, and through time itself in a quest to save princess Zelda.

Grandma Zelda is the evil tyrant Ganondorf, quite possibly one of the most memorable villains in any video game ever. Since its release in 1998, Ocarina of Time has remained at the top of every "best game" list released by Nintendo or any other recognized source.

Taking videogames to a darker place is the Resident Evil series as a whole. The fourth installment in the world's most popular survival series, you control the main character, Leon K., as he chases after the President's kidnapped daughter. As you try to track her down, you face grotesque monsters that you must fight to avoid.

The game has been provided many times, not allowing me to do justice to this great game. Seeing as Resident Evil 4 is a multi-platform title, you have no excuse to not try it out. (at least rent it!)

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