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It's been nearly 40 years since the release of *The Legend of Zelda* and over 20 games have been released in the series. Each game in this series has maximized the capabilities of its console. For example, *The Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask* even needed an expansion to the Nintendo 64 system. Not only do *The Legend of Zelda* games maximize the capabilities of the console they are released on, but they also often bring new concepts. As Brett Cadaro states in his article, "The cel-shaded graphical style introduced in *Wind Waker* is so timeless that it would even go on to inform the one used in *BOTW* and *TOTK*" (Cardaro).

In the article *Twilight Princess Is Great, but the Wind Waker Is a Masterpiece*, Cardaro discusses many similarities and differences between the two *Legend of Zelda* games released for the Nintendo GameCube. In addition to comparing these two games, the article praises these games and calls *The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker* a "masterpiece." To compare the two games, Cardaro discusses the design, story, and characters in each game. As introduced by Cardaro, *The Wind Waker* is a game with a cartoon design while *Twilight Princess* is a game with more realistic visuals. *The Wind Waker* has more emotion than its counterpart. *Twilight Princess* has a gloomier tone. *The Wind Waker* shaped the latest *Legend of Zelda* games by having an open world feel. In the end, Cardaro is trying to convince his readers that *Wind Waker* is the better *Legend of Zelda* game (Cardaro).

In the video *Twilight Princess VS The Wind Waker*, the YouTuber Hud talks about which game is better in a few distinct categories. The first category he discusses is dungeons. For each

dungeon he discusses what he likes and dislikes and gives it a score out of 10. For this category he says *Twilight Princess* is better. He then discusses exploration within each game. He says *The Wind Waker* is better in this category. His final category he discusses is the story. There are many things that he likes and dislikes in each game, however Hud decides that he likes *Twilight Princess's* story better (Hud).

Cardaro claimed that *The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker* is better than *The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess* while Hud claimed that *The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess* is better. One of Cardaro's main points was how *The Wind Waker* brought new concepts to *The Legend of Zelda* series. Another argument as to why *The Wind Waker* was a better game is how it made an impression on future games.

Hud's argument was supported by discussing which was a better game rather than focusing on which one had a greater influence on the rest of the series. Hud, however, has a flaw in his video. He states that he will not be talking about the game's combat mechanics however he ends the video by saying that combat in *Twilight Princess* is better.

Hud's argument was the better way to decide what game is better, however he didn't have very good supporting details. This is why Cardaro has the more effective argument. I think that the better game is *The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess*. The ranking of *Legend of Zelda* games, however, is a very controversial topic.

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