

Pokémon

This is one of the ones where it is a franchise as opposed to a singular story. As a kid I did watch the Pokémon anime, following along with Ash and Pikachu, but this would not be enough to form and shape my tastes. The reason this one is so important is because of all of it, the cards, the video game, and the anime.

To stay with the anime, I have to go to Pokémon 2000, the movie featuring the legendary birds and Lugia. My family had this on VHS and it was a movie that me and my brothers, especially me and my older one, watched endlessly, which I'm sure drove my parents' crazy watching the same thing over and over again (we did this with a lot of movies as kids). Those movies are what made me keep watching the show, even to the point where I wasn't really enjoying it anymore, but I kept watching until I was a teenager.

The second thing is the card game, I to this day still own many cards I have collected over the years, I claim that I keep them to sell them, but I have made no attempt to do so. I remember as a kid playing and trading with my friends, I remember after recess once where I dropped my cards and was screamed at by a teacher to never bring the cards to school again, I was never so traumatized in my life. The cards are not really something I would do today, since I never really got into actually playing against other people, but those cards are the first ones that come to mind when someone says card game.

Finally, are the video games, specifically the ones on the DS and Gameboy. If you know Pokémon, you know about the generations, where a new region and new Pokémon were created for the new games. I grew up on the 3rd and 4th generations, with games like Leaf Green, Sapphire, Diamond, Platinum. Out of all the things related to Pokémon, this is the one that I still do, playing it on my phone, although the ones I play are hacks of original games, since the original game were losing their grandeur that they had when I was a kid.

For me, this franchise invigorates my love for adventure, and honestly my tastes in the Fantasy genre, I mean look at the craze that was Pokémon Go, that game took over the world.

One of the things that I want my fantasy stories to have, is interesting creatures, and I cannot deny this franchise being the biggest reason for that.

Above all else though, the most important thing for me is nostalgia, I remember playing this side by side with my brother, and those memories are crucial to me. I still play the game, I like playing the game, when I have kids, this is one of those games I'll show them, although I try my best to not get them addicted.