

Top 5 previously released story based PS4 exclusives that are still worth playing.

There is nothing like a video game that gets you just as excited as it did when you first played it. To find a game that you never tire of regardless of how old is priceless. I have played countless games on PS4 and although I love to keep up with new game titles, there are some previously released titles that have solidified their place in the legacy of PS4.

5. Detroit Become Human

Detroit Become Human is an adventure video game released in 2018. With its production stemming from Quantic Dream who also produced the critically acclaimed video game Heavy Rain, it's no surprise that this game has earned a spot on this list. In contrast to the other titles on this list, player decisions play an imperative role to how the story unfolds. The player-based decision making is effortlessly woven into the narrative with the enthralling story tugging at the heartstrings of many. The realistically beautiful graphics and sentient dialogue elevate this game to new heights. The story follows 3 human-like "Androids" who embark on a journey to break free from the chains of their programs that are controlled by humans. The bigger picture of this narrative is the dichotomy of humans and robots. In essence, the "Androids" fight to overcome adversity to be seen in the same light as humans, not as subordinate figures. Although the game takes place in the year 2038, the narrative represents an embodiment of civil movements throughout history, hence why this game sent such an influential and powerful message to audiences that still echoes to this day. The game will have you call on your moral compass quite a few times, but the emotional investment in the characters is what makes this game too special not to play.

4. Marvel's Spiderman

Also released in 2018, Marvel's Spiderman easily ranks as one of the best superhero video games of the decade. Developed by Insomniac Games, Marvel's Spiderman takes on a modern approach to the beloved Peter Parker with additions of classic elements. If you love games that are heavy on the fast-paced action, this game is perfect. The ability to freely swing through the streets of New York will solely make you fall in love with this game. However, this is not to take away from the engaging, fun, entertaining and sometimes emotional story which takes you into the mind and duties of a superhero. The story reminds you that Peter Parker, while he keeps the streets of New York City safe, is an average and relatable guy. The graphics do an amazing job of making the characters come to life which makes their emotion radiate through the screen. The game intertwines combat and narrative to appeal to a wide range of players and playstyles. The pacing of the game is very steady and does not have moments of long

drawn out pauses or places where the story feels redundant which is why it is so easy to get lost for hours in this lively game. The fresh and unique approach to a classic superhero is done in a respectful yet contemporary style and deserves a spot in every gamer's library.

3. Horizon Zero Dawn

The breathtaking scenery of Horizon Zero Dawn will leave you admiring this game forever. This multi-award-winning game takes you on an adventure in a post-apocalyptic world where robots roam the land. The story follows Aloy, a resilient outcast who is on a mission to uncover her history. This game is an example of an underdog story that makes you sympathize and root for Aloy. The graphics do an excellent job of showcasing the abundant and bustling scenery where the game allows you to scavenge supplies, hide from enemies, and explore all the beauties the landscape has to offer. While a large part of the game involves fighting and combat, the velvet-like art style gives the game a sense of serenity. Like Marvel's Spiderman, the game mixes combat with a gripping story to create a captivating gaming experience but in a very special way. The choreography and movements of Aloy are very playful but also purposeful. To elaborate, the detail in Aloy's movements can be seen when fighting giant robots or when exploring and climbing. This detail parallels Aloy's character as she is a spunky and energetic yet powerful and ambitious entity. Although published in 2017 by the blockbuster company Sony Interactive Entertainment, Horizon Zero Dawn resonates in player's hearts from its amazing scenery, immersive narrative, and blend of past and future cultural elements which makes it a phenomenal game to play.

2. Uncharted 4: A Thief's End

Uncharted 4: A Thief's End is the perfect game for those who love nonstop action. This 2016 game is still just as fresh as the day it was released. Developed by Naughty Dog, the story follows two brothers, Sam, and Nathan, on an adventure where their curiosity guides their path. The two embark on a journey to uncover the history of buried treasure. As corny as that may sound, their adventure leads them across the world as they explore the powers of loyalty, determination, and brotherhood. The graphics of this game accentuate the beautiful and intricate details of the world. It does not just feel like you are watching the character explore all the breathtaking scenery, the graphics make you feel like you are the one experiencing it first-hand. This is what elevates a game from good to spectacular. The action is plentiful, but do not think it does not appeal to story-based gamers either. Important and pivotal parts of the story are used

to break up the action sequences which not only gives the gamer insight to understand the characters on a personal level, but it also gives this game an excellent balance. The narrative stands as its own separate entity as it is so much more than pure entertainment. It is for this reason that this game has solidified itself as one of the most notable action-adventure games.

1. The Last of Us: Part II

This game is the pinnacle of a sequel that has outdone its predecessor. Published in 2020 by the noteworthy Sony Interactive Entertainment, the Last of Us: Part II is an action-adventure game that is much more than a survival game. The story has many pivotal characters, but one of the most influential characters is Ellie. Following the first game, players were left wanting more insight on Ellie's journey. After 7 painstakingly long years, players see Ellie transform into a resilient powerhouse whose experiences have made her more rugged. However, the narrative, done to perfection just like part I, explores the juxtaposition of her empathetic side with her sometimes cold-blooded nature. The narrative intertwines many other characters into the story who have their own motives and morals. This game shows viewers that tragedy and grief impact the characters in a multitude of different ways and when these emotions collide, chaos ensues. Although the narrative is what makes this game shine, the survival aspect is prominent and still requires the player to think like prey waiting to be hunted. The graphics outdo the original game with the environment having immense detail and realism. Not to mention, the zombies look incredibly realistic and frightening. There is true emotion being the words spoken from the characters through the masterful script which makes them feel less fictitious. With this title winning game of the year in 2020 and with countless other notable accolades, this beautiful game is essential to experience for yourself regardless of how much time has passed.

So, that concludes this list! It was very difficult for me to draft this list because there are so many PS4 exclusives that hold a special place in my heart, but these are the ones I feel have a slight edge when it comes to exceptional story-based games. If you've played these games, want to play these games, or want to share your thoughts on what other games are worthy of a spot on this list, comment below as I'd love to hear your thoughts!