1. Which of the game companies discussed in this chapter have since ceased operation? What led to their downfall?

Answer:

Atari is no longer in operation. This was likely due to poor quality games that were released prior to the 1983 game crash.

1. What’s the connection between Atari, and the Commedore computer company?

Answer:

Atari, and Commedore computers were both competitors from the get go. They both suffered greatly from the game crash of 83.

1. The song, “Jump around” by House of Pain contains the following lyrics:

*Tryin’ to play me out like if my name was SEGA. But I aint goin’ out like no punk bitch.*

Briefly describe what this is reference to.

Answer:

They are referring to playing SEGA(the game system which was popular around the time of the songs release).

1. Assemble into small groups and discuss each of the following games(research online if needed). For each game, list its genre(s). You may find that many games today have multiple genres or define themselves with a genre that doesn’t fit into any existing genre definitions(e.g. LittleBigPlanet)- for these games create a custom genre that describes the game.

CoD MW2-First person shooter

Defender-Arcade

Fable2-RPG, adventure

FF7-RPG

Gears of War 2-Third person shooter

GTA4-Action/Adventure, third person shooter

Half life 2-First person shooter

Halo 3-First person shooter

Little Big Planet-Puzzle, platformer

Mario Kart Wii-Racing

Mass Effect 2-RPG, Action, Third person shooter

Minecraft-Sandbox, survival

Ms. Pacman-arcade

Myst-puzzle, adventure

Nintendogs-Pet simulator

Pacman- arcade

Punch out-fighting

Sonic 2- platform

Space Invaders-arcade

Starwars Battle Front-first person shooter

Starcraft- RTS

Street Fighter 2- Fighting, arcade

Super Mario bros.-platform, adventure

TMNT-platform

Tekken Dark res-fighting

Legend of Zelda-RPG, adventure

Sims2-simulater

Uncharted 3-action, adventure