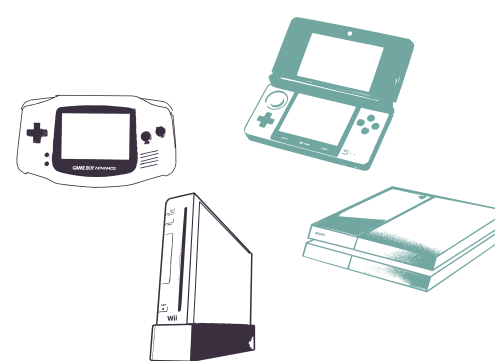
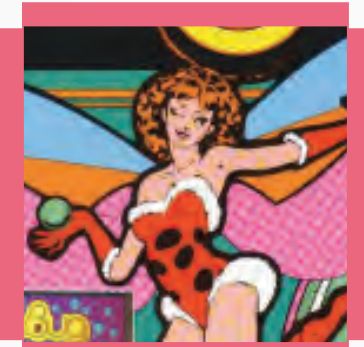


play like a Girl!

THE HISTORY OF FEMALE VIDEO GAME PROTAGONISTS.



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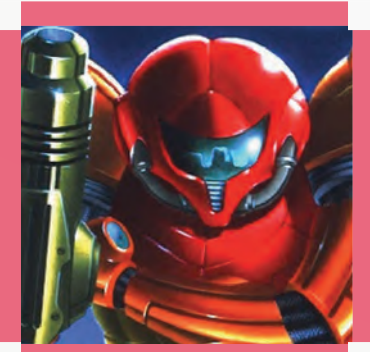
LADYBUG
(Ladybug/arcade)
The earliest known female protagonist in a video game.



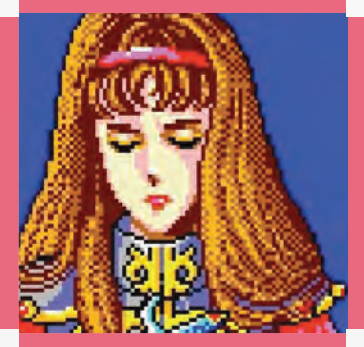
MS. PAC-MAN
(Ms. Pac-man/arcade)
Star of the sub-series of the Pac-Man franchise.

1986

SAMUS ARAN
(Metroid/NES)
First human female video game character protagonist.

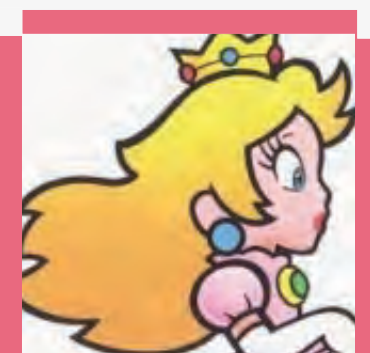


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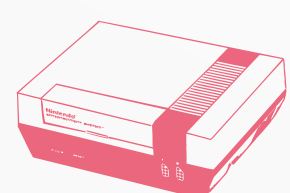
ALIS LANDALE
(Phantasy Star/Sega Master System)
First female protagonist in a console rpg game.

1988



PRINCESS PEACH
(Super Mario Bros 2)
First Super Mario game where the princess is a playable character.

1981
Intellivision

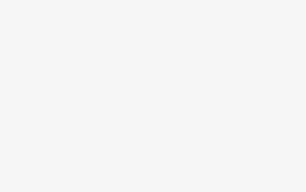


1986
Sega Master System



1989
Gameboy

1990s
Super Nintendo



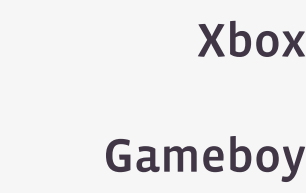
1994
Playstation
Sega Saturn



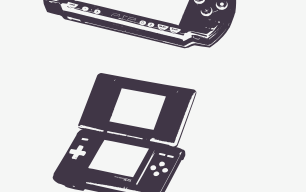
1998
GB Color



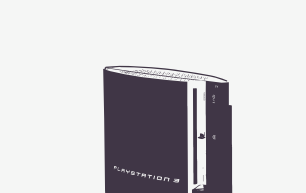
2001
Gamecube
Xbox



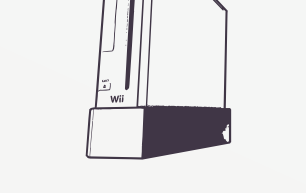
Gameboy Advance



2005
Xbox 360



2006
Playstation 3
Nintendo Wii



2009
PSP Go



2010s

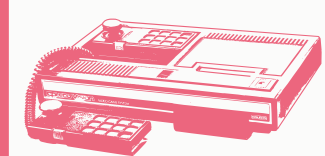
2011
Nintendo 3DS
PS Vita



2012
Wii U



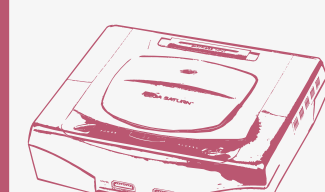
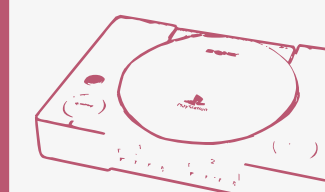
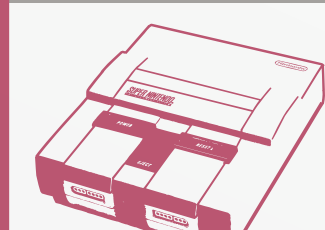
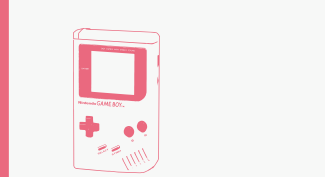
1980s



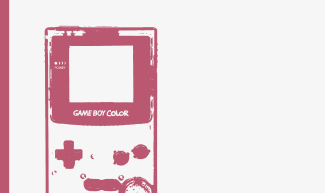
1983
Nintendo Entertainment System (NES)



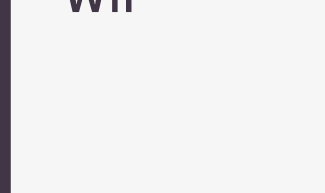
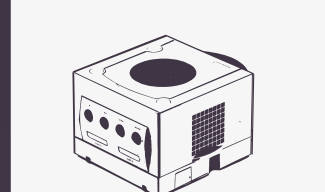
1988
Sega Genesis



1996
Nintendo 64



1999
Dreamcast

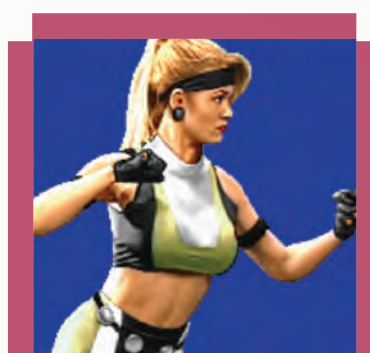


1991

CHUN-LI
(Street Fighter II/arcade)
First female fighter in the Street Fighter series.

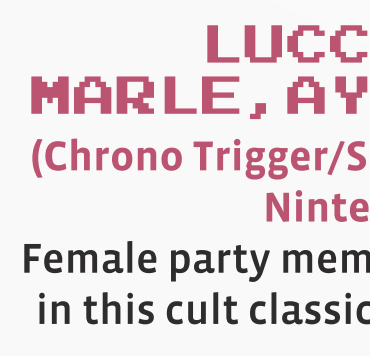


1993



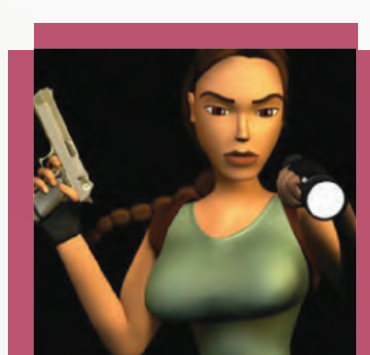
SONYA BLADE
(Mortal Kombat/arcade)
Only female fighter of the original seven Mortal Kombat fighters.

1995



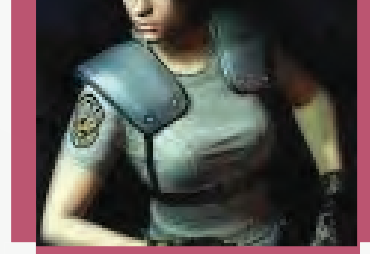
LUCCA, MARLE, AYLA
(Chrono Trigger/Super Nintendo)
Female party members in this cult classic rpg.

1996



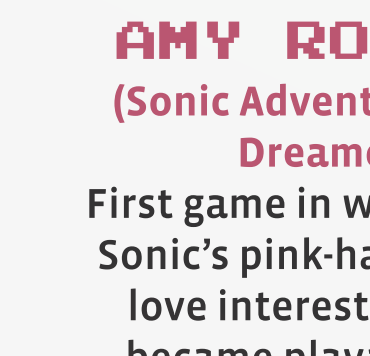
LARA CROFT
(Tomb Raider/Playstation)
One of the most popular and empowering female characters in gaming.

1996

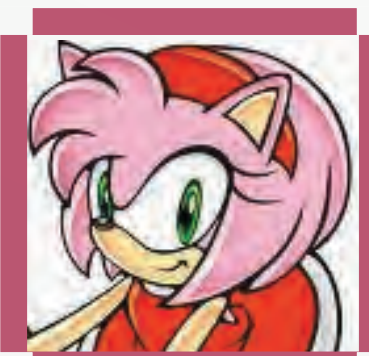


JILL VALENTINE
(Resident Evil/Playstation)
Considered one of the greatest female protagonists in gaming

1999

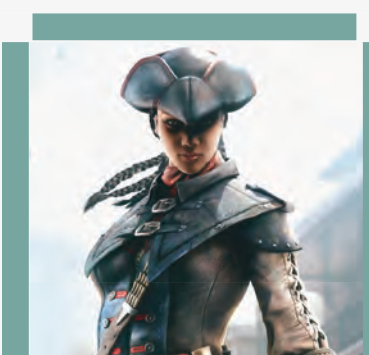


AMY ROSE
(Sonic Adventure/Dreamcast)
First game in which Sonic's pink-haired love interest first became playable.



2012

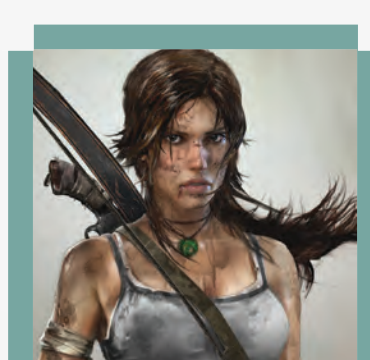
AVELINE
(Assassin's Creed III/PS3, Xbox 360)
The first female protagonist in the Assassin's Creed Series.



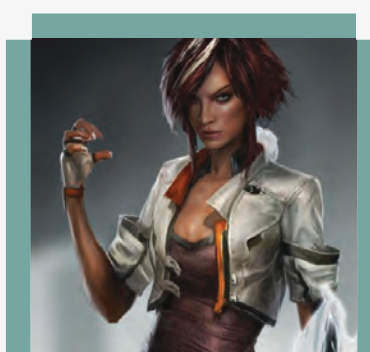
2013



ELLIE
(The Last of Us/ PS3)
Secondary playable character and protagonist of the games DLC American Dreams and Left Behind



LARA CROFT
(Tomb Raider/ PS3, Xbox 360)
Iconic character was given a new look and personality in this game by the same company behind Final Fantasy.

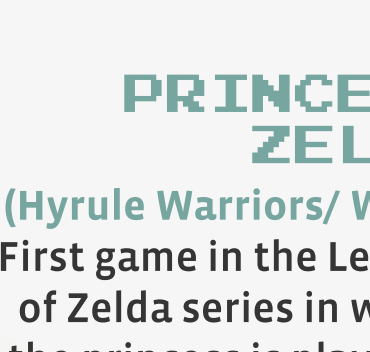


NILIN
(Remember Me/ PS3, Xbox 360)
A mixed race, female character designed to combat the stereotypical white, male protagonist.

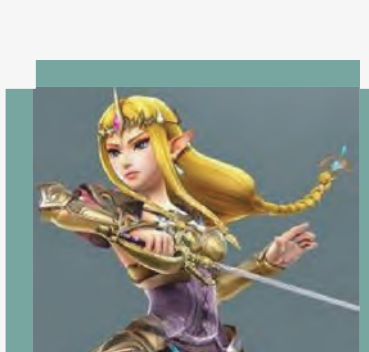
2014



AMANDA RIPLEY
(Alien: Isolation/ PS4, Xbox One)
Daughter of the female protagonist of the Alien film series.



PRINCESS ZELDA
(Hyrule Warriors/ Wii U)
First game in the Legend of Zelda series in which the princess is playable.



NINTENDO HEROINES
(Super Smash Bros Wii U)
Fifth game in Super Smash Bros series lets players take control of 13 of nintendos female characters.



TOP 5 MOST POPULAR FEMALE VIDEO GAME CHARACTERS:

1. SAMUS ARAN
(Metroid)

2. LAURA CROFT
(Tomb Raider)

3. ZELDA
(The Legend of Zelda)

4. JILL VALENTINE
(Resident Evil)

5. TIFA LOCKHEART
(Final Fantasy)

18 mil.



42 mil.



57 mil.



61 mil.



90 mil.



Number of units franchise has sold.

34%

OF VIDEO GAME CHARACTER IN 2013 WERE FEMALE.

"FEMALE PROTAGONISTS IN GAMES WERE FIRST IMPLEMENTED TO TRY AND GET YOUNG GIRLS INTO ARCADE GAMING, AS IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE MAJORITY IN ARCADES WERE BOYS."

25%

OF MALE GAMERS PLAY AS A FEMALE CHARACTER WHEN GIVEN THE OPTION

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93%

Favorite Video Game Couples:

Zelda & Link
("The Legend of Zelda")

Peach & Mario
("Super Mario Bros")

Ms. & Mr. Pac-Man
("Pac-Man")

Aerith & Cloud
("Final Fantasy VII")

Other