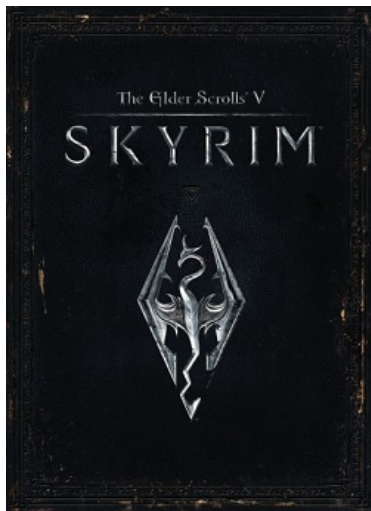


High Fantasy Video Games by Francis Toole

Abstract: *This article explores common high fantasy video games that may be enjoyed by young adult players.*

The High Fantasy genre has expanded into the video game world. Even from early beginnings, video games have allowed creators and players to explore imaginative worlds beyond reality. Here is a list of high fantasy video games that may appeal to young adults new to the genre or long-time fans.

The Elder Scrolls Series - The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim (2011)



The Elder Scrolls series is a perfect example of a high fantasy universe. The game is an open world, allowing players to explore the landscape at their discretion. The game takes place in Termil, a fictional universe that resembles a dark medieval empire. The game features common high fantasy characteristics such as elves, orcs, and other magical creatures. The player works through the game by completing a multitude of missions and tasks, usually culminating in defeating an evil force or army.

Appropriate Audience: Older teens – Violence

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Legend of Zelda Series - The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild (2017)

The Legend of Zelda is an early Nintendo game that continues to be a favourite among many fantasy video game players. The main character is Link, a small elf-like boy who has to save his home kingdom of Hyrule. The game is challenging yet light-hearted and fun. The player completes missions and tasks through a mix of fights, puzzles and exploring.

Appropriate Audience: Older and Younger Teens

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The Witcher - The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt (2015)

The Witcher is another High Fantasy game in a medieval fantasy world filled with monsters and magical creatures. The main character of the game is Geralt of Riva, Geralt is a monster hunter known as a Witcher. The game, of course, involves players battling various monsters and creatures. Players are also required to make influential decisions that change the overall course of the game.

Appropriate Audience: Older and Younger Teens

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Lego Lord of the Rings Video Game (2012)

Lego Lord of the Rings is a fun fantasy game animated in the LEGO style, making it a different take on the classic Lord of The Rings story that everyone knows. The game does follow a similar plot to the Lord of the Rings books. This game may be more suitable for younger teens. Although, the nostalgic feel of the game may appeal to older teen audiences as well.

Appropriate Audience: Older & Younger Teens



Kingdom of Hearts Series - Kingdom Hearts III (2019)

The Kingdom of Hearts series is another nostalgic high fantasy game that blends genres to create a fun and lighthearted gameplay experience. The game incorporates various Disney characters who the player works with, or against, to complete various missions.

Appropriate Audience: Older & Younger Teens

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