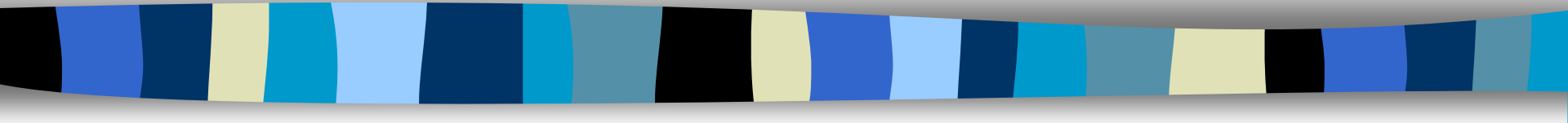


Toys and



Playing



Why Are They Important?

1. Mental Stimulation & Problem Solving
2. Fosters Creativity & Imagination
3. Helps Develop Motor Skills
4. Helps Them Learn About the World Around Them
5. Develops Social Skills



Try to Remember...

- What were your favorite toys or games?
- Assignment:
 - Draw a picture of your favorite early childhood toy. Describe what it was and why you enjoyed playing with it.
 - Describe your favorite game and how you played it.
- Discussion: Do you believe that video games are an important developmental toy? Why or why not?



CLASSIC TOYS & GAMES

Many toys have survived the test of time.

Here are a few...

CLASSIC TOYS AND GAMES
(Some have been around longer
than you think!)

See if you can remember playing with
any of these...

Checkers



- **2000 B.C. (Ancient Egypt)**

- When a pharaoh died, he would be buried with many of his favorite items. Checkers were often found in this collection.
- DICE (made out of bone) have also been found in Egyptian tombs.

Jacks



■ 1600's-1700's

- First played with animal bones or pebbles
- In early America, it was first known as Five-Stones or Jack-Stones.
- They were used to teach children hand-eye coordination to become better hunters

Parcheesi



1867

- Originated in India
- Textile factory workers created a game that was played on fabric with a unique pattern.

Marbles



1870's

- Have been mentioned in ancient Egyptian and Roman history!
- Began to be mass produced in the 1870's by a German glassblower who invented the Marble Scissors
- Glass is the standard, but they have been made out of steel, minerals or tiny rocks

Trains & Crayons



Lionel



Binney & Smith

- **1900- LIONEL TRAIN**
 - 1st electric Lionel train was window display in New York City. Soon shoppers were asking to buy it.
- **1903- CRAYOLA CRAYON**
 - Crayola products are sold in more than 80 countries & 12 languages.
 - The average child in the US will wear down 730 crayons by his/her 10th birthday.

Teddy Bears

■ 1903

- Named after President Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt following a bear hunt in Mississippi.
- Ideal Toy Company was the first company to mass-produce the Teddy Bear.
- Teddy Bears are still a favorite toy for people of all ages.



Raggedy Ann & Andy



- 1915

- 1st handcrafted dolls had brown yarn hair instead of the trademark red yarn hair.

Lincoln Logs



- 1916
 - Were designed and developed by John Lloyd Wright, son of the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Madame Alexander Dolls

■ 1923



- 1st trademarked doll
- Known for detailed designs
- 1930's-invented "sleep eyes"
- Frustrated with her dolls stockings falling down, so she sewed them to the dolls panties, thereby inventing pantyhose!

Mickey & Minnie Mouse Dolls

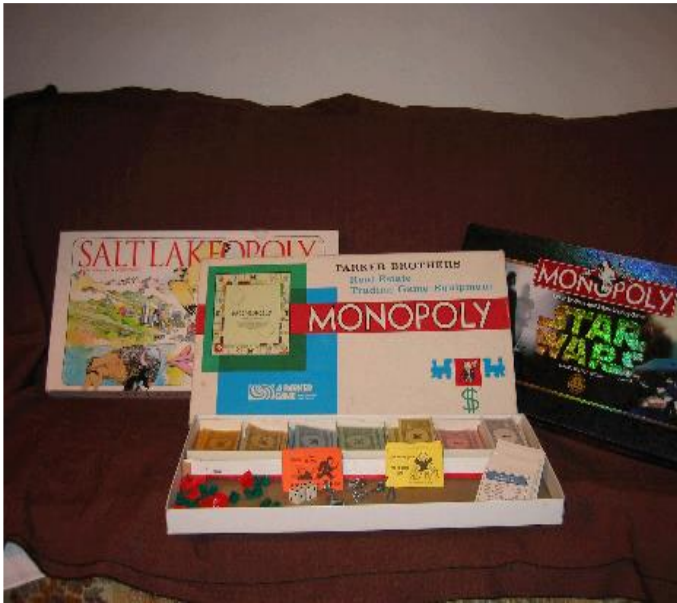


■ 1930

- 1st Mickey Mouse Cartoon in 1928
- Mickey and Minnie Mouse are icons of Walt Disney and the Disney corporation.

Monopoly

■ 1935



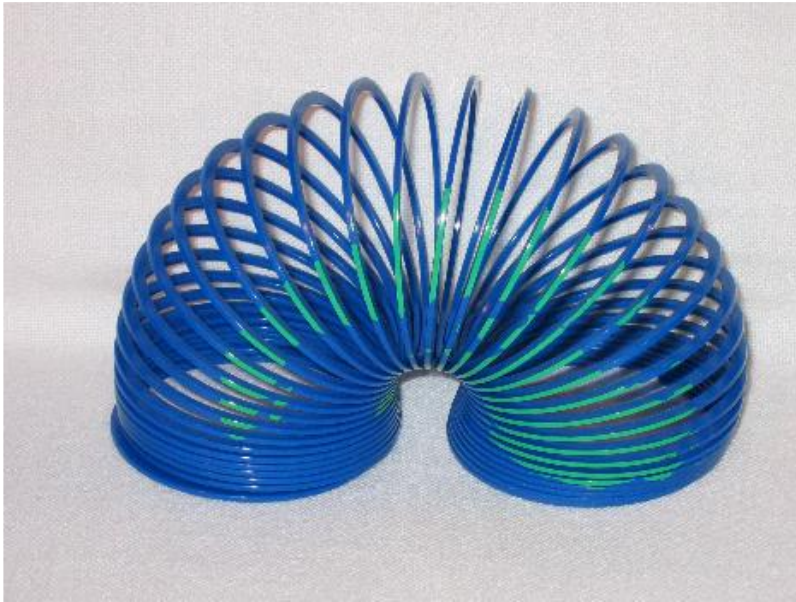
- Was first rejected by Parker Brothers in 1933.
- Today has sold more than 100 million sets - worldwide.
- More Monopoly money is printed each year than US currency!
- Many variations of the original game.

Tonka Trucks



- 1947
 - It takes over 119,000 pounds of yellow paint and 5.1 million pounds of sheet metal a year to make the Tonka vehicles.
 - The name “Tonka” is taken from a Dakota Sioux Indian word meaning “great”.

Slinky



1948

- Average size Slinky has 63 feet of wire or plastic.
- It takes 10 seconds to produce one Slinky.

Mr. Potato Head & Play-Doh



Hasbro

- 1952-MR. POTATO HEAD
 - 1st toy product ever advertised on television
 - Original toy inserted plastic parts in a real potato
- 1956- PLAY-DOH
 - First entered the market as wallpaper cleaner. (1950)

Matchbox Cars



1954

- This little car was originally created for a girl. A small brass car was put in a matchbox for her to take to school.

Yahtzee



- 1956
 - Invented by a Canadian couple while on their yacht, so they called it “Yahtzee”.

Frisbie



- 1957
 - Pies made by the Frisbie Baking Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut, were sold to college students. The students discovered that they could toss and catch the empty pie tins for hours of fun.

Lego's



1958

- “LEGO” comes from a Danish word that means “play well”.
- More than 6,000 children helped to construct the world’s tallest LEGO structure. It stands 82 feet in Tallin, Estonia. They worked for 3 days in rain and high winds.

Barbie



■ 1959

- Invented by the co-founder of Mattel toy company.
- Named after her daughter Barbara - Ken was named after her son.
- 3 Barbie Dolls are sold somewhere in the world every second.
- The world's largest Barbie collection is in the United Kingdom. A woman there has 1,125 dolls. (Ken dolls included)
- “Barbie Pink” is a recognized color

Etch-A-Sketch



1960

- Invented by a French Electrician Andre Cassagnes
- Originally called the “Telecran”
–(Telescreen)-Because it resembled a TV screen

G.I. Joe



- 1964
 - The world's 1st action figure.
 - Boys 5-10 years old had an average of 10 G.I. Joe's
 - Skip the Navy Frogman, Rocky the Marine Paratrooper, and Ace the Fighter Pilot were considered names.

Twister



- 1966
 - 1st called Pretzel-promotional product for a shoe polish company.
 - The largest Twister mat in the world was made for a printing company's grand opening.
 - The company was located in Salt Lake City, Utah! (60 x 19.75 feet)

Rubik's Cube



- 1980
 - Possible color combinations = 1,929,770,126,028,800!

Cabbage Patch Kids & Care Bears



■ 1983- CABBAGE PATCH KIDS

- Xavier Roberts, a sculptor, showed the dolls as part of an art exhibit.
- The dolls would be put up for adoption by his assistants who were dressed like maternity nurses.

■ 1983- CARE BEARS

- Care Bears live in the magical world of Care-A-Lot.
- The 10 original bears were: Bedtime, Birthday, Cheer, Friend, Funshine, Good Luck, Grumpy, Love-A-Lot, Share, and Tenderheart.



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

“Heroes On The Half Shell”

■ 1988

- Inspired by a popular comic book series by the same name.
- Action figures, games, cartoon series and even 3 motion pictures later featured these characters.
- 4 Turtles were named after famous painters: Michelangelo, Raphael, Leonardo, and Donatello.
- Splinter the Rat = teacher
Shredder = the “bad guy”



Pogs

■ 1992

- Classic street game that originated in Hawaii in the late 1920's and regained popularity in the early 90's
- Played with printed cardboard circles and a thick plastic "slammer"



Beanie Babies



- 1996
 - New idea for a traditional bean-bag.
 - Floppy animals that created “Beaniemania”.

Tamagotchi



- 1997
 - Tamagotchi means “egg-watch”
 - Small egg-shaped digital pet
 - Each pet required feeding, cleaning, playing and socializing

Furby



- 1998
 - Interactive stuffed toy
 - Reacted to human sounds - and other Furby's would wink, giggles, speak in "Furbish", and English.

Pokémon Trading Cards



■ 1999

- Based on the Video Game Series
- Players use Pokémon cards with individual strengths and weaknesses in an attempt to defeat their opponent by “knocking out” their cards

Video Games

■ 2000 and Up!

- The technology was first developed in the early 1950's!
- The first coin operated video game, "Galaxy Game" was installed at Stanford University in 1971
- Look how far we've come!





Toys...Toys...Toys!

What other toys do you remember playing with?

What toys do you think will be added to the list as you get older?



My Favorites

Here are some of my favorite toys from my childhood. Do you recognize any of these?

Pull Phone



Stacking Rings



Shape-O-Sort



View Finder



Little People Garage



Space Hopper



My Little Pony



Sit-N-Spin



Lite-Brite

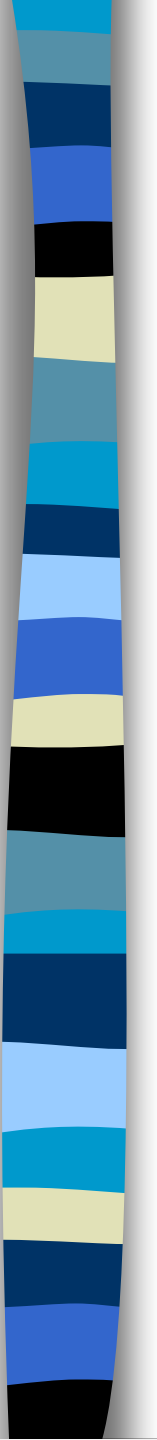


Glo-Worm



Ribbon Dancer





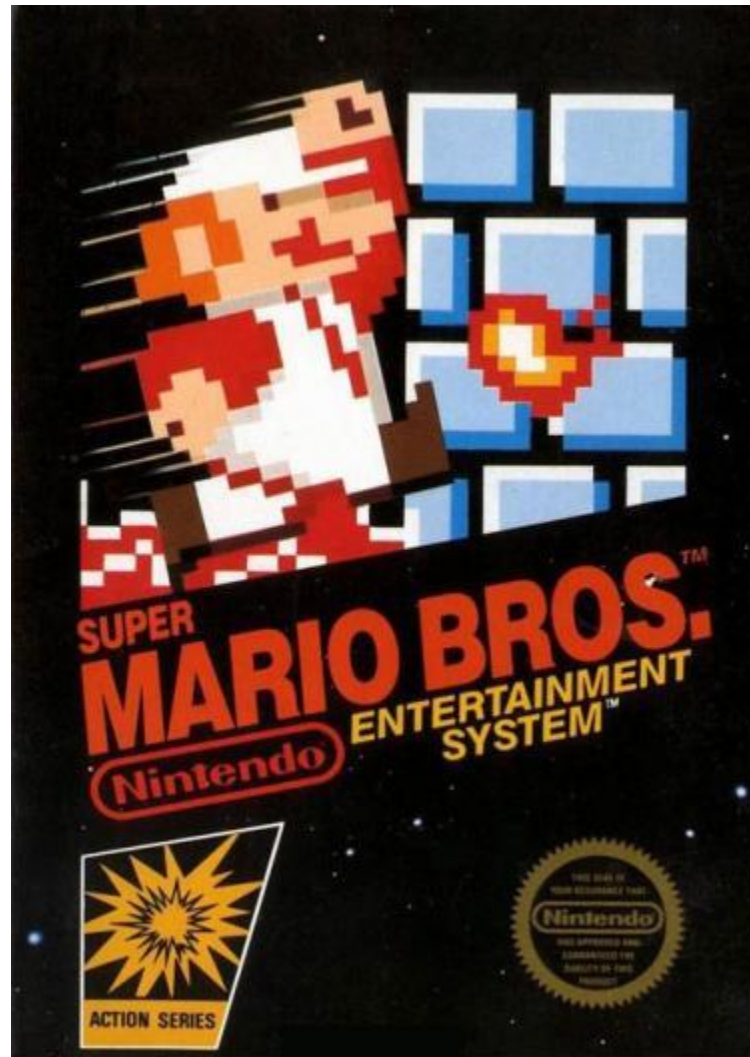
Skip-It



Fisher Price Popcorn Popper



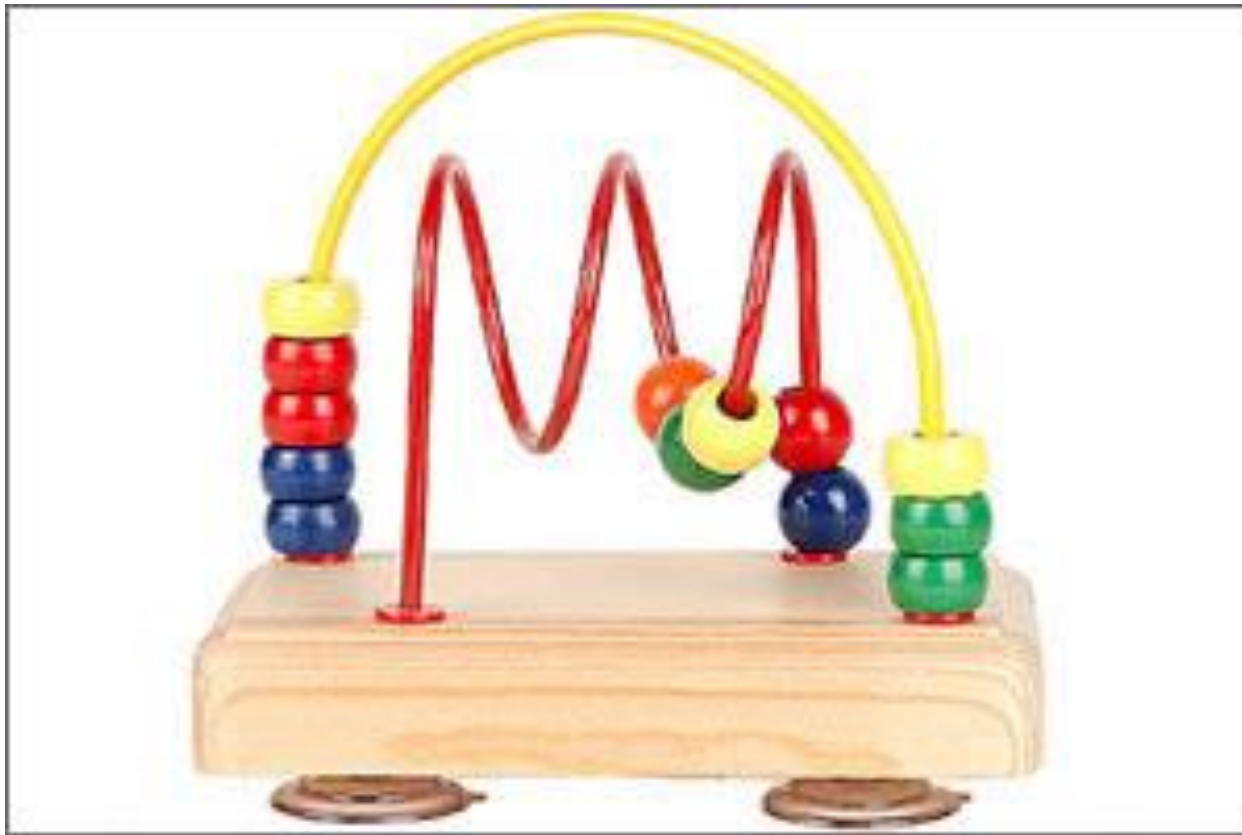
Super Mario Brothers Game



Tiddlywinks



“Doctor’s Office” Toy



Red Car



Barrel of Monkeys

