

## My experience with gaming

I have a lot of experience with gaming. As a little kid I was always playing on my Wii or my Gamecube. I had this one specific game that I always loved playing called Dragon Ball Z Budokai Tenkaichi 3. This game was basically the entire reason that I liked playing games. My entire view on gaming changed when I got an Xbox 360. It was very different from what I was used to. I was able to play online with my cousin and play more games with my brother.

Then one Christmas, I went to my grandparents house as usual. My grandfather gave my brother and I a shared present. We were very excited and when we opened the present it was a new Xbox 360. I didn't know at the time but other people's Xboxes were breaking so there was a new version that replaced the boxy white design with a slick black design. That was the one we had just gotten so we gave my old one to my cousin. This was completely different from the old one. How we turned it on was different, how the games were inserted and ejected, and the design was different from what we were used to.

Then a couple years later we got the newer Xbox, the Xbox One. New design, new system, and new games. When we first got it for christmas I was very excited. Excitement turned to disappointment when we downloaded a game and our Xbox froze. Turns out that the game was way too big for our memory card and it was basically breaking the Xbox. We had to delete the

game and buy more storage. Besides that it was great and I still have it. It broke last year so we got the enhanced edition called the Xbox one X. There is a new xbox but I have zero plans to get it. This concludes the Xbox side of my childhood.

Playstation has a different kind of level for me. I like the playstation more now than when I was little. My family used to have a playstation one but I broke it as a toddler. Then we had a playstation 2 and I didn't play it too much because of the odd location in the house. The playstation 3 was where I really liked playstations. I had gotten a lot of games for it that I thought were great. My playstation 2 broke shortly after we got the PS3 and we ordered a cheaper new one. It doesn't work too well again but it was good enough for years. I remember playing a lot of "The Matrix: Rise of Neo" a lot in 5th grade.

The Playstation 4 really revolutionized my view on the playstations. Better graphics, better design, and better games. My father bought me a special edition that was designed after the game "Uncharted 4: A thief's end." It included the game as well which was amazing. The PS4 is still a very great console almost 8 years later which is very impressive. The newest one came out in November called "The PS5". It has been very hard to get due to people using bots to buy multiple at a time. My father managed to

buy one that included the console, 2 games, an extra controller, and a digital card for GameStop. It got to my house on Monday and I have really enjoyed it. I am very lucky to have 2 parents that have good jobs and are able to provide for my family and I.

## Artist Statement

I didn't get too much motivation out of Born a Crime to write this vignette. I guess to make a comparison it would be Chapter 16 where he talks about something that he likes very much. In this chapter he talked about how he liked copying CDs for people at school. He started to gain money from doing this and was able to be independent. He bought his own food and if he didn't like what his mom cooked he bought Mcdonald's. He also talked about the hood and how he found some respect for it. He performed multiple times as a DJ with the CDs and people really liked it.

I honestly have nothing besides that to compare to his book. I didn't try to write like he did but I guess it's the same that I tried to tell a story of my childhood to now. He wrote his vignette on multiple stories and years of his life while I went through multiple

years but only one story. I only talked about gaming while he talked about gaming, love, family, sadness, and more. I didn't try to use humor because there was no space to use it. Nothing was funny and I didn't want to force humor into unnecessary moments. I tried to explain it in a simple way by saying what editions the console was and what the numbers were. It is kinda hard to explain to an outsider but I tried my best. Overall, I wanted to tell my story of gaming and what it means to me. I have multiple stories but I was being simple and trying not to be complicated. It was very nice to be able to write about it since it brought back some old memories for me. It made me remember why I still play games to this day.