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Compare and Contrast: Minecraft and Fortnite

 For years, my family has been wild about two very popular games, Minecraft and Fornite. Most people understand the differences between the two in terms of cost, type of game, and history of the game. Not everyone knows, however, that while they have similar overall goals and popularity, they differ widely in player abilities and game design.

Minecraft is a very different game from Fortnite, Minecraft is a sandbox game which means the player has minimal limitations and can freely roam and explore the virtual world. The game was released in 2011 by Mojang a Swedish company. In 2014 Minecraft was bought by Microsoft and is still owned by them today. Minecraft cost twenty-six dollars but is well worth it. In Minecraft you can mine underground for materials like coal, iron, gold, and diamonds. By getting these materials you can make more advanced tools and weapons to defend yourself from all the creatures that come out at nighttime. In Minecraft there is no main goal for the player to complete, there are achievements that the player can get but they will not reward the player in any way. Players have the ability to create their own goals in Minecraft. Some of the most common goals are, defeating the ender dragon, and defeating the wither, the most powerful creatures in Minecraft. While players work towards defeating these creatures, they can explore the world, discover a new world through a portal called the nether portal, build structures and find new friends by taming friendly creatures. Since there is no goal to Minecraft the player can play as long as they want. There is no main age group that plays Minecraft, it’s a game people of all ages can enjoy. Minecraft’s game design isn’t fancy at all, it is made entirely of cubes and squares! Though the game design isn’t the best the game has still become very popular because of all the things you can do in it.

Fortnite is a relatively new game, it was released in July of 2017 by an American company called Epic Games. Contrary to Minecraft the game is completely free. Fortnite is a battle royale game which is an online multiplayer game that blends the survival, exploration, and scavenging elements. The main goal is to be the last man standing. Before a play gets into a game they can choose if they want to play on teams or just play single player. When the player first goes into the game, they are on a flying vehicle called the battle bus, which is just a flying bus that has a hot air balloon attached to the top of it. The player jumps out of the bus with a parachute. When the player lands, they begin to search for weapons and items that can help them be the last player standing. The player has limited abilities to affect the environment around them, the only things they can do are collect items, and materials which they can use to build walls and ramps to help them while fighting other players. Players can freely roam the world until the border starts to close in. The border starts to close in so that the players are forced to fight each other. The game is finished when there is only one player or team left. Because there are 100 players that normally all get eliminated quickly the games don’t last very long. Surprisingly Fortnite’s game design is a lot more detailed than Minecraft’s. Most of the players who play Fortnite are 18 to 24, though the games age rating is 12 and up. This game has gotten very popular because a lot of popular social media influencers have played it and recorded themselves playing it and then uploaded it onto the internet for viewers to watch.

Even though Fortnite and Minecraft are very different games they do have their similarities. The overall goal of each game is to survive. In Minecraft the player tries to survive from all the monsters that spawn in the dark by building homes and crafting tools and armor to protect themselves. In Fortnite the player tries to survive from other players by searching for good weapons and items that can heal them if they get injured fighting another player. In Both games the player can also craft items. In Minecraft the player craft almost every item they use, like tools, armor, the blocks used to build your house. In Fortnite the player can craft walls, ramps, and floors to help them fight other players. The player can also repair, upgrade and craft weapons. The biggest similarity of both games is that they are both popular with all ages, from children to adults, there are even elders that play both of these games. These games were mostly made popular because social media influencers play these games and then their young audiences started to play these games.

Minecraft and Fortnite are very different games. The goals of each game, the price, how old they are, the players abilities, and the game design are all completely different. But they do have their similarities, such as the players ability to craft and build, the overall goal to survive, and the popularity of the games. Even though they are very different games their differences make them popular with different groups of people.