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Top 5 female videogame characters

It was tough to choose, but we did it: our top five all-time list of female videogame characters packs a mean punch. They're smart, streetwise and stronger than a pride of lionesses. Inspirational? Check. Multi-dimensional? Check. Conventional? Not a chance. These trailblazing outsiders never quite learned to play by the rules. And, with this lot, who's arguing?

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1. Lara Croft, Tomb Raider

Probably the most famous female videogame character of all time, Lara Croft is still our number one. She's the archaeologist-adventurer who redefined the role of women in gaming, combining brains, beauty and kickass moves. With more magazine covers (1,100 to date) than any supermodel, she was first conceived as a South American character named Laura Cruz before her English name and aristocratic origins were settled upon. From the British Museum to the Jungle Temple, one thing's for certain: never underestimate a multilingual woman with a pair of pistols in her pockets.



2. Chun-Li, Street Fighter

The first female fighting character in gaming history, Chun-Li is a knock-out heroine who's taken on the world's finest – and won. An undercover Interpol agent with a burning quest for justice, she still takes time to teach her fighting skills and philosophy to the next generation. Quicker than a runaway train, she's a master in martial arts from tai chi to karate. On our list, she'll never get the chop.



3. Faith Connors, Mirror's Edge

Athletic, edgy and way too cool for school, Faith Connors is a 21st-century video game icon. As a "Runner" in Mirror's Edge, she's a secret courier delivering items to revolutionary groups in hiding from the totalitarian government. Just don't expect a FedEx truck. Street tough without the bulging physique, in sneakers and cargo pants she's always ready to roll. A hero with a human heart, if she knocks at your door, don't forget to tip.



4. Samus Aran, Metroid

A 6'3" (1.9m) 198-pound (90kg) intergalactic bounty hunter, Samus Aran is a force to be reckoned with. One of the earliest female protagonists in a video game, she made her entrance in the Japanese game Metroid back in 1986. Not the world's greatest negotiator, she's more likely to shoot first and ask questions later. It's some CV: warrior, pioneer and trailblazer for more than three decades. And she hasn't aged a bit.



5. Aloy, Horizon: Zero Dawn

Complex and courageous, Aloy is the charismatic heroine of 2017's hottest new release, Horizon: Zero Dawn. Using stealth as much as strength to survive in a futuristic world overrun by robots, Aloy is the classic outcast with inner strength. Sassy, vulnerable yet defiant, she reminds us a little of Ripley from Alien or Sarah Connor from Terminator. An instant cult heroine, this is an archer with more than one string to her bow.

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