

# Who Invented Google?

When you need to know something, what do you do? You might first peruse a book, or ask your very smart (and very awesome) teacher. But, what do you do if you don't have a book or teacher handy, and your parents have no idea? I bet that you sit down on your computer and ask Google. However, it wasn't always that simple. If you can believe it, there was a time when Google wasn't around and internet search engines were not very good at harnessing all the information on the world wide web. But then two men named Larry Page and Sergey Brin revolutionized the way that we look for information.

Larry Page is considered a modern inventor. He is still alive, and a relatively young man. Born in 1973, he is only in his 40s now. Page always loved computers and studied computer engineering at Stanford University. He met his Google partner, Sergey Brin, at college. Together, the two found a way to have their search engine list the results by post popularity. Google was born.

Google started in 1998, after Page and Brin raised \$1 million dollars from family and friends who wanted to invest in the company and idea. It was an investment that paid off - a lot. By 2013, the site averages 6 billion searches everyday from users worldwide. 6 billion. That is quite the multitude of searches.



# Who Invented the Game Boy?

In the 1980s, kids loved putting money into large video game machines to play Pac-Man and Pong. The Nintendo was just picking up speed, landing in living rooms across the world, giving kids the opportunity to play video games on their couch and not in restaurants or arcades. However, an invention in the late 1980s led to kids leaving their couches and taking their video games in their cars and backpacks.

The Nintendo Game Boy revolutionized the way that kids played video games and essentially led the way for any handheld gaming device that you might use today. While the Game Boy was developed by a team at Nintendo headquarters in Japan, a man named Gunpei Yokoi is credited with its start.

The original Game Boy only had 4 buttons and a directional pad. It arrived under many Christmas trees, and in the hands of kids, bundled with the game Tetris. When the Game Boy was first released in 1989 to America, it sold one million within just a few weeks. In fact, 40,000 Game Boys were sold in the first day!

Gunpei Yokoi led the charge for many of Nintendo's game advances. However, his greatest contribution was the development of the Game Boy. Kids across the world loved being able to take their games to go.

