Posted by The Party on Tue, 24 Nov 2009 20:33:57 GMT

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List some cool quotes from Half Life 2 (which includeds EP1 and EP2) and Half Life 1, so get started! Also when is EP3 coming out?

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by John Doe on Tue, 24 Nov 2009 20:44:40 GMT

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Posted by Herr Surth on Tue, 24 Nov 2009 20:49:02 GMT

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JohnDoe wrote on Tue, 24 November 2009 14:44Gordon: "..." is that from hl1 or 2

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by u6795 on Tue, 24 Nov 2009 23:01:19 GMT

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surth? / surth! wrote on Tue, 24 November 2009 15:49JohnDoe wrote on Tue, 24 November 2009 14:44Gordon: "..."

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I actually got that same thing leaked to me from an insider at Valve, apparently it's an excerpt from Episode 3's dialogue OMG!!

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by JohnDoe on Tue, 24 Nov 2009 23:50:25 GMT

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## Posted by nope.avi on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 01:40:56 GMT

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Posted by GEORGE ZIMMER on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 02:22:47 GMT

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Nah, there's definitely nerdier. And, I don't find Alyx to be all that hot, personally... And plus, he was kinda responsible for the whole end of the world scenario, and hasn't exactly save it yet... so, yeah, that's kinda why it's actually somewhat decent.

Lastly, the fact that he DOESN'T talk means we don't have to sit through 40 fucking hours of cutscenes about how love can bloom on the battlefield or some stupid shit.

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by JohnDoe on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 08:45:45 GMT

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Posted by Dover on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 14:57:36 GMT

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He hasn't saved the world yet. Shit is still fucked up.

Posted by JohnDoe on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 15:55:37 GMT

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...well, he's going to, but with some kind of twist - no way they're going the Halo hollywood route.

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Posted by archerman on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 22:22:22 GMT

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Halo's story I haven't actually gotten into as I lack an xbox currently (I guess it's the only reason they could get the damn things to sell, no one would buy 'em otherwise initially).

And, it's really the other way around- I can't count how many kids haven't even heard of Half Life but know everything about Halo and Call of Duty. But yeah, Half Life 2's firefights kinda suck sometimes (although a few parts are nice).

One thing the Half Life series definitely has over Halo and other series though is ambiance. Halo (after playing a few games with friends and shit), doesn't really have as much of that atmosphere. Not to say it's nonexistent, but it's just not as apparent. It feels a bit more like generic sci fi stuff most of the time. Then again I haven't really played Halo 3's singleplayer, might be why, but still.

Gears of War is HURF DURF STARCRAFT AND WH40K MARINE RIPOFF HURR. ALSO GRAY.

Call of Duty is HURF DURF MARINES ETC. Nothing new there.

Now, again, I'm not really talking about the general gameplay or the "physics" as you seemed to have pointed out- I'm more or less talking about story and setting, which is what you initially criticized. Gameplay wise, yeah, Half Life's multiplayer sucks yada yada (personally I like the singleplayer gameplay though).

One complaint I have with the series though is the amount of cut content from Half Life 2: [ they really could had some awesome shit, but ah well.

TL;DR: Half Life 2 is superior to most other franchises in terms of story, setting, and etc.

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Posted by JohnDoe on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 23:37:23 GMT

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Ya, Half-Life's story is highly interesting... even though it's a cheap way to build suspense by explaining everything in tiny steps - Gears of War follows the same formula - unfortunately, I'm a sucker for that shit. I really like the setting and agree with what you're saying, but where Half-Life fucks up is the dialogue. Making Gordon mute messes up the immersion, the opposite of what Valve wanted to achieve, and you simply care less for the characters because there's no real connection, the whole Alyx developing feelings for Gordon angle feels so fabricated. I'm much more connected to the strong silent type heros like the Chief and Fenix that only talk when it's necessary.

Stop hating on Gears of War...it's Michael Bay, but it's Michael Bay at his best. CoD is Tom Clancy at his best, but I doubt those games are going to stand the test of time like HL, Halo and perhaps GoW.

When I was calling Half-Life overrated, I was strictly speaking of PC gamers...according to every review, they're these flawless landmark games. They're masterpieces, but they're far from flawless. Halo is flawed as well, but the 83 score it has on Metacritic is a travesty for an equally important landmark.

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by R315r4z0r on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 07:56:01 GMT

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Posted by John Doe on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 08:54:44 GMT

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I'm sick of playing these jocks, Gordon Freeman is my type of hero!

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Posted by -Xv- on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 11:26:45 GMT

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You obviously haven't read any of the Halo books, which are 1000% better in any form then the game itself. The game to me (i only played 1st full, and some of the 2nd) was pretty bland, i agree with that, (prefer half life SP anyday) but saying that the story of Halo is crap... lol.

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Posted by GEORGE ZIMMER on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 12:10:21 GMT

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Posted by Herr Surth on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 12:49:05 GMT

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Posted by JohnDoe on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 13:14:42 GMT

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How can you say it's generic hollywood crap if you haven't played all the games? The Master Chief finished the fight hollywood style, but the way the story unfolds isn't generic. Half-Life is going the Matrix route, which sets it up for failure Matrix style...time will tell.

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by R315r4z0r on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 15:04:48 GMT

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Posted by SSADMVR on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 18:01:25 GMT

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Max Payne story > all others mentioned in this thread.

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Are you freaking kidding me? There is no way HL2 is 10 times better and that it tells a better story then halo anyday.

Posted by John Doe on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 19:54:58 GMT

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Looking for originality in Sci-Fi? OMG Half-Life ripped off Matrix, Star Wars, War of the Worlds and a whole lotta other shit...how generic! stfu

Half-Life series dialogue: 90% "Hello Gordon, let me help you!" 5% "Watch me fire up this protoion megadisplensor...yikes! I forgot to initiate stage 3!" 4%" Nice butt, Gordon." 1% "I'm the G-Man and I ordered the Matrix DVD set so that I could watch the scenes with the Oracle and the Architect over and over again."

Shit is weak and now their whole plot relies on Episode 3 delivering - otherwise the whole franchise's story will be exposed as a gimmick.

How are you gonna call Bungie one trick ponies when Marathon and Halo are two of the most highly rated and influential gaming series in history. What has Valve done that kept them from

writing a proper story? Left 4 Dead? Yes, that's the pinnacle of originality. Portal? Clearly story-driven.

Halo (2001) 97 Halo 2 (2004) 95 Halo 3 (2007) 94 Halo 3: ODST (2009) 83

vs

Half-Life (1998) 96 Half-Life 2 (2004) 96

Half-Life 2: Episode One (2006) 87 Half-Life 2: Episode Two (2007) 90

Metacritic > your bullshit. Halo's DNA is found in practically every big budget FPS nowadays...must've been a very unoriginal game!

I can understand where your Valve bias is coming from, tho:

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Posted by ErroR on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 20:32:57 GMT

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Ugh he wanted quotes not fuking comparisons

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by Herr Surth on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 21:31:59 GMT

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yeah right johndoe, the 94 score of halo is totally correct and makes sense

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by JohnDoe on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 21:38:52 GMT

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Which game are you talking about?

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by Herr Surth on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 22:23:25 GMT

forgot the 3, meant halo 3. cant comment on the rating of the other halo titles since i never played those.

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Posted by JohnDoe on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 23:13:02 GMT

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Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by R315r4z0r on Fri, 27 Nov 2009 01:59:22 GMT

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No, you misunderstood what I said, Dover.

Dialogue is not story. The Halo franchise spans over decades. It's like Star Wars in that you can pick a year and dive into a unique situation happening at that time.

HL2 Is nothing more than a journey of some guy across a long distance. It's a very short story elongated by large levels, intuitive gameplay and dialogue.

My point with the papes that I mentioned is this: if you were to cut out the gameplay from each of the games and just tell a story, you can go on for hours reciting Halo's story, were as HL2's story would just be "Dr. Freeman went here, then he went there."

It's not about story quality or cliches or anything of that nature. One story is simply bigger scale than the other one. That's what the word 'epic' means.

## The bottom line:

Halo and HL are both good games and are fun to play... but they are good for entirely different reasons. HL isn't good because of its story, but because of its gameplay.

(Edit: That's not to say that HL's story is bad. It's just not it's main attraction.)

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by [NE]Fobby[GEN] on Fri, 27 Nov 2009 02:21:46 GMT

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Personally I didn't find the game very fun, and yet people are still talking about it 5 years later and if it were the best that ever happened. As for the Halo series, I do find the gameplay a lot of fun, but overrated as well.

Posted by nope.avi on Fri, 27 Nov 2009 02:42:19 GMT

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HI2 lives up to the hype, portal on the other hand I could never understand why people called it the best game ever.

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by R315r4z0r on Fri, 27 Nov 2009 02:56:46 GMT

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Because it was the perfect balance of gameplay, challenge, puzzle solving, length, plot, and originality.

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the singleplayers story was... spunktastic? At the danger of not using an actual words, i think that describes it pretty well.

I'm not saying that hl2 deserves it rating, im saying that halo3 doesnt.

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by JohnDoe on Fri, 27 Nov 2009 13:24:11 GMT

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It's definitely not your type of game...millions disagree.

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by Herr Surth on Fri, 27 Nov 2009 14:30:22 GMT

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Millions also disagree with the sane side of humanity when it comes to gay rights, but those millions are all bigots and assholes. ;>

Posted by JohnDoe on Fri, 27 Nov 2009 15:30:07 GMT

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Poor analogy...the number of people playing multiplayer years after a game is released gives a good indication of how enjoyable a game is past the hype. I'm sure WoW is a good game, it's just not my type of game.

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Posted by IAmFenix on Fri, 27 Nov 2009 22:07:15 GMT

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"Mister Freeeemannn!"

@ above spam: HL2>H:CE+H2+H3

EDIT: Hello. That is all.

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http://www.reuters.com/article/lifestyleMolt/idUSTRE57K06L20090821

This stuff came out a couple months ago. Still, they only had about like, 550-some subjects, and they didn't include people under 19, so the number is easily skewed upwards. But I'd say late twenties, early 30's would be the average age, even with people under 19 included.

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Nah, with people under 19 included, you'll be looking at something around 24/25...regardless, I doubt the average Halo gamers is considerably less mature than the average Half-Life gamer. After all, Counter-Strike players were considered the most immature group of misfits known to online gaming - not sure if they still are.

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by Canadacdn on Mon, 30 Nov 2009 02:14:00 GMT

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You guys should all know what C&C: Renegade is the best FPS ever made.

Also, JohnDoe, your trolling attempts are painful to watch. Try harder. Gabe Newell and Dover picture comparison made me lol, though.

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by Dover on Mon, 30 Nov 2009 06:40:23 GMT

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I like how I leave to relax for a weekend and I come back to see JohnDoe blow his load over me calling Halo a bad series.

Lol.

Subject: Re: List your HL2 Quotes

Posted by GEORGE ZIMMER on Mon, 30 Nov 2009 06:52:04 GMT

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JohnDoe wrote on Thu, 26 November 2009 13:54Portal? Clearly story-driven. It actually ties in with the Half Life universe, and has more story than you'd think. It's just not 40 hours of cutscenes to make that story, which is one reason why it receives a lot of praise.

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Posted by JohnDoe on Mon, 30 Nov 2009 13:16:49 GMT

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Posted by Goztow on Mon, 30 Nov 2009 13:29:10 GMT

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Posted by GEORGE ZIMMER on Mon, 30 Nov 2009 23:41:30 GMT

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