

HI EVERYONE - THIS IS PART OF A REVIEW ABOUT THE MARIO KART 8 GAME. READ IT AND THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON PAGE 2! WE WILL POST A VIDEO WITH SOME STRATEGIES AND ANSWERS SOON!

MARIO KART 8 DELUXE REVIEW BY JOSE OTERO



Mario Kart 8 Delux for Nintendo Switch is a souped-up version of the Wii U's Mario Kart 8. When I reviewed Mario Kart 8 almost three years ago, I thought it was an amazing game and awarded it a score of a 9.0. Here's what I said then:

"Mario Kart 8 is the best kart racing game Nintendo has made in a long time. It strikes a careful balance between refining old ideas while introducing fresh new ones. Admittedly, its gorgeous graphics and jazzy orchestrated soundtrack bolster its presentation, but you're getting a lot more than just looks with this one – although I spent an awful lot of time gawking at the details in slow-motion, the fast and furious pace of racing with friends both locally and online is what really kept me coming back."

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe includes all of that, plus some new additions. That means you're getting 48 great courses and 42 diverse characters, including new ones like Bowser Jr. and some neat extras like the unbelievably fast 200cc speed class. Every course, character, and mode is unlocked right from the start, meaning you can just jump right in and hit the track.

The one oddly executed addition is Smart Steering, a new feature designed to help keep novice players on the road. It isn't a bad idea at all to consider newcomers to help them understand a game with a simple ruleset like Mario Kart, but Nintendo chose to leave Smart Steering on by default and it isn't immediately clear how to turn it off in the menus. Barring that annoying little quirk, this is a high-quality kart racer with lots of content.

QUESTIONS:
YOU CAN WRITE THE ANSWERS OR VIDEO YOUR ANSWERS! DON'T FORGET TO SHARE THEM ON THE MOA HUB FACEBOOK PAGE!

1. What do you think the reviewer thinks of the game? What evidence do you have to justify your thinking...or why do you think this?
2. What do you think 'souped-up' means?
3. What do you think a 'Nintendo Switch' and a 'Wii U' might be?
4. What are some features of the game that the reviewer really likes? Find as many as you can!
5. Why do you think the reviewer might have described Smart Steering as an '*oddly executed addition*'?
6. Why does the reviewer think Nintendo added Smart Steering to the game?
7. '*Admittedly, its gorgeous graphics and jazzy orchestrated soundtrack bolster its presentation, but you're getting a lot more than just looks with this one*'

What does this quote from the review mean? Explain in your own words!

8. What score out of ten do you think the reviewer might give Mario Kart 8 Delux? What is your reason?
9. Does this review make you want to play the game? Why?