

Overall ranking, using what I consider the definitive versions:

FF12>=FF7>=FF6>=FF4(DS)>FF9>FF8>FF5(GBA)>FF1(GBA)>FF3(DS)>FF2(GBA)

10, 10-2, 13, and 13-2 aren't being ranked. Haven't played the latter 2, haven't replayed the former 2 recently enough. (Been at least 8 years.)

Soundtrack (as a whole):

FF7>FF6>FF8>FF5>FF4>FF9>FF1>FF3>FF12>FF2

Honorable mentions- Best individual pieces:

FF6 (Aria di Mezzo Carattere)>FF7 (Aeris's Theme)>FF1 (Prelude)>FF12 (Boss Theme)>FF5 (Battle on the Big Bridge)>FF8 (Overture)>FF3 (Doga and Une's Theme)

Battle mechanics (as a whole):

FF12>FF5-FF4>FF1>FF7=FF6>FF9>FF8>FF3>FF2

Honorable mentions- Best boss battle:

FF4 (Zeromus)>FF6 (Final Kefka)>FF12 (Zodiark)>FF7 (Safer Sephiroth)>FF1 (Chaos)

Best balance:

FF4>FF12 w/o Nihao>FF5 w/o Blue Mages

Best way to deal with random battles:

FF12 (Get rid of them! Add Gambits!)>FF5 (Quick, rewarding job progression!)>FF6 (Quick, if plain, spell progression and uber-fast and refined ATB system!)>FF4DS (Make them hard as nails and require strategy!)

Main Plot:

FF7>FF6>FF9>FF12>FF4>FF5>FF1>FF8>FF2>FF3

Honorable mentions- Best overall main cast:

FF7>FF4>FF6>FF9>FF5>FF12>FF8>FF2

Best protagonist:

FF6 (Celes)>FF7 (Cloud)>FF4 (Cecil)>FF5 (Bartz)>FF9 (Zidane)>FF8 (Squall)>FF2 (Firion)>FF12 (Vaan)

Best central antagonist:

FF7 (Sephiroth)>FF6 (Kefka)>FF9 (Kuja)>FF4 (Golbez)>FF12 (Vayne)>FF8 (Edea)>FF1 (Chaos)>FF5 (Exdeath)>FF3 (Cloud of Darkness -_-)

World:

FF12>FF7>FF6>FF8>FF9>FF4=FF5>FF1>FF3>FF2

Honorable mention- Best quality sidequests overall:

FF9>FF12>FF8>FF6>FF4>FF5>FF1

Best individual sidequests:

FF8 (Triple Triad)=FF9 (Choco Hot and Cold)>FF12 (The many, many hunts)

Best atmosphere:

FF12>FF7>FF6>FF4>FF1>FF8>FF9

Best individual locations:

FF12 (Pharos at Ridorana)>FF7 (Junon)>FF8 (Deling City)>FF4 (The Moon)