

FINAL PRESENTATION:



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VERSION

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INTRODUCTION

- Pokemon Black & White were released in September 18th, 2010 in Japan, and were later released in America in 2011.
- Their sequels, Pokemon Black 2 & White 2 were released a year later in 2012.
- Pokemon Black & White were the first games in the 5th Generation of Pokemon, which introduced 156 brand new Pokemon, more than any other generation in the franchise!



PLOT

- Similar to the previous games in the series, Pokemon Black & White follows a young trainer (you) on a quest to become a Pokemon Master.
- Throughout your adventure, you encounter Team Plasma, the 'evil team' of this generation, as they try to liberate Pokemon from their trainers.
- You encounter many new faces during your journey, including the mysterious king of Team Plasma, 'N'.



THE SCORE/COMPOSER



- Many people consider Pokemon Black & White to have the best soundtrack in any Pokemon game, and this is all thanks to the DS's impressive sound engine, & longtime composer & director Junichi Masuda.
- Junichi Masuda was born on January 12th, 1968, and had a hobby of catching fish and insects as a child in Japan.
- He joined GameFreak, the company behind Pokemon ever since it was first founded, and stayed until he left in June of 2022.
- Masuda's musical style is seemingly inspired by classical music, particularly from the works of composers such as Igor Stravinsky & Dmitri Shostakovich.



NUVEMA TOWN

- Nuvema Town is the player's home in Pokemon Black & White; and in my opinion, it has the best first town theme in the entire franchise.
- While many of the first town themes throughout the previous games evoked a sense of 'home', I feel that this one does it the best, especially with the accordion & flute playing the main melody.
- The guitar playing throughout the song sort of gives this theme an 'old-styled' feel; giving you the feeling that you're in an old village (which you sort of are).



ACCUMULA TOWN

- Accumula Town is the first 'big' town in the game, despite it not being that big at all.
- Unlike Nuvema Town, this town's theme is much more upbeat, and it even adds a percussion beat as you (the player) walks around the town, which is something a lot of themes in this game do.
- This song has become incredibly famous in recent years, mainly thanks to a meme involving a certain Pokemon 'walking'. Can you guess who? Hint: he's hidden in the slide somewhere.



CASTELIA CITY

- Castelia City is by far the biggest city in Pokemon Black & White (and its sequels).
- This track definitely captures the feel of traversing through a huge, bustling city, especially with that groovy saxophone playing the melody.
- This might be one of the most well known tracks in the whole game, especially since Unova is inspired by New York City.



DRIFTVEIL CITY



- Now THIS is likely the most famous track in Pokemon Black & White; at least in recent memory, thanks to the ‘Dancing Toothless’ meme.
- This is by far the grooviest track in the whole game, with that amazing percussion and (what I believe to be) some kind of electric piano/organ of some sort, I’m not really sure what kind of instrument is playing the melody.
- According to Hitomi Sato, the composer for Pokemon Diamond & Pearl, she revealed that Driftveil City’s soundtrack took inspiration from a Thai restaurant’s upbeat ambient music.



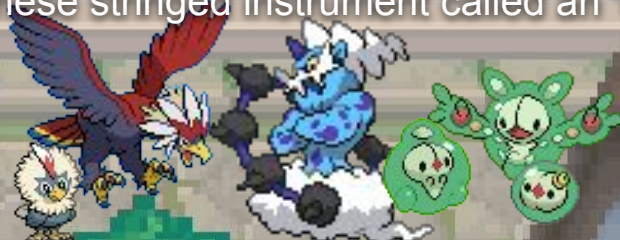
OPELUCID CITY (BLACK-~~VS.~~ WHITE)

Opelucid City not only differs in appearance between the two games, but also in its soundtrack!

In Pokemon Black, Opelucid City's track has a more groovy, techno soundtrack, complete with a keytar playing the main melody, along with some futuristic percussion.



Pokemon White's version of Opelucid City is much more peaceful and old-sounding; the instrument playing the melody of this version is a chinese stringed instrument called an 'er-hu'.



ROUTES

Many route themes encompass this game's soundtrack, and all of them sound very different in their own way.

- Route 1 is a wonderful beginning route theme; very simple & sweet.
- Routes 2-3 have a more upbeat track, and like most of the routes in the game, the track differs between seasons.
- Routes 4-5 & 16 have an adventurous feel to their track.
- Route 6-9 and 11-15 both have triumphant sounding tracks, which evoke a sense of excitement in them.



ROUTE 10 VS. ROUTE 23

- These routes are special, as they are the last routes in Pokemon Black & White & Black & White 2 respectively.
- Route 10 is beautiful, yet still quite melancholy; while it does signify the near end of your journey, it also evokes a sense of dread; during the plot of the first games, Team Plasma is still out there, and wreaking havoc.
- Route 23 on the other hand sounds much more triumphant and exciting, because in Black & White 2, Team Plasma is actually defeated before you traverse this route towards Victory Road.



GYM BATTLE



- Many of the gym leader themes in the franchise are awesome, but in my opinion, Pokémon Black & White have the best one of the bunch.
- Pokémon Black & White 2's version of this theme is a little bit different from its predecessors.
- This battle theme really gets the player pumped, and ready to battle, but once the gym leader sends out his/her final Pokémon...



VICTORY LIES BEFORE YOUR EYES!



- This theme...THIS FREAKING THEME; is probably my absolute favorite battle theme in any Pokemon game.
- While the regular gym battle theme is exciting enough, this theme straight up gets you HYPED.
- This theme especially makes you feel a little stressed, considering that this theme plays when the gym leader's final Pokemon comes out, which is most of the time, his/her strongest.
- The title leitmotif for all the games plays in the beginning of the track, further increasing the excitement of this theme.



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