

1990s at a Glance

1990

- Mikhail Gorbachev becomes *TIME* Man of the Decade
- Hubble Space Telescope launched into space
- Nelson Mandela is freed
- Sir Tim Berners-Lee and Robert Cailliau invent the World Wide Web at CERN.
- Microsoft introduces Microsoft Office

1991

- Dissolution of the Soviet Union
- End of Operation Desert Storm
- Dr. Seuss dies

1992

- European Union is established
- Bill Clinton is elected 42nd President of the United States

1993

- Intel Pentium chip causes a growth in PC usage and popularity
- World Trade Center bombing
- Congress ratifies NAFTA

1994

- O. J. Simpson is arrested
- Ronald Reagan announces he has Alzheimer's disease
- Nelson Mandela elected president of South Africa

1995

- Yahoo!, eBay, and Amazon are founded
- Million Man March in Washington, D.C.

1996

- IBM's Deep Blue defeats chess champion Gary Kasparov
- Bill Clinton is elected for a second term
- Dolly the sheep is the first successfully cloned mammal

1997

- Princess Diana is killed in a car crash in Paris.
- Steve Jobs introduces the Apple Online Store
- Founder of Intel, Andrew Grove, is named *TIME* Man of the Year

1998

- Bill Clinton is impeached
- Google, Inc. is founded

1999

- Y2K fears are prominent
- John F. Kennedy, Jr. dies
- Jack Kevorkian or "Dr. Death" is convicted
- Albert Einstein becomes *TIME* Man of the Century

Music



"Losing My Religion" (1990)
by R.E.M.



Nevermind (1991)
by Nirvana



"Bohemian Rhapsody" (1975)
by Queen



"Hero" (1993)
by Mariah Carey



"Macarena" (1994)
by Los del Rio



HIStory (1995)
by Michael Jackson



"Wannabe" (1996)
by Spice Girls



"Barbie Girl" (1997)
by Aqua



"Truly Madly Deeply" (1998)
by Savage Garden



...Baby One More Time (1999)
by Britney Spears

The music scene of the 1990s was without one direction, though with some more massively popular guiding movements. Mainstream rap hit singles "U Can't Touch This" by MC Hammer and "Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice sampled funk and classic rock legends. In the early 90s, Grunge (a type of gloomy rock) took center stage, with the commercially acclaimed Nirvana and front man Kurt Cobain. Following Cobain's suicide in 1994, mainstream music moved on. We experienced another British Invasion in the form of the Spice Girls, who attained international acclaim with their hit "Wannabe." The late 90s and transition into the new millennium was carried by the emergence of boy bands, like 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys, and pop as we know it with the likes of the promiscuous Britney Spears.

Television



Beverly Hills 90210



Full House



The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air



Seinfeld



Barney and Friends



Beavis and Butthead



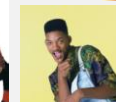
The Late Show with David Letterman



Friends

Fashion

- Flannel
- Floral
- Light wash, wide-legged jeans
- Bandanas
- Platform flip-flops
- Plaid or tartan
- Neon
- Electric hair colors
- Overalls



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