

Canyon Crest Academy: 20th Century Popular Culture

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Very Difficult	0-30 minutes	<u>District</u> None <u>Department</u> None

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to critical issues and approaches in the study of 20th century popular culture. Popular culture is all around us, influencing how we think, how we feel, how we live our lives in countless ways. In this course, we will examine how history influences the popular culture of the times. We will examine popular culture decade by decade, starting with the 1900s and taking time to address popular culture in the 2000s. We will learn how to critically approach the study of popular culture through readings, discussions, assignments, and presentations of material to others. This course covers 20th century American popular culture from the 1900s through today.

This course is meant to be interactive and engaging, however, it will also be academically challenging. In this course, we will examine the popular culture of each of the ten decades of the 20th century (1900 – 1909, 1910 – 1919, 1920 – 1929, 1930 – 1939, 1940 – 1949, 1950 – 1959, 1960 – 1969, 1970 – 1979, 1980 – 1989, 1990 – 1999, and the 2000s). We will explore the historical events of the decade upon which the popular culture of the decade was based. We will then explore the specific details of the popular culture of the decade, which include film, food, fashion, fads, sports, television, and music of the decade. .

Grading

Grades will be based on a mix of brief quizzes, individual and group presentations, short research papers on topics that are chosen by the student, and group projects.

Syllabus Link

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Supplemental Information

10 credits

Meets high school graduation requirement for electives