

## THE 1980s

**The 1980s decade was pretty dire, but can you remember these more notable events and media releases from the clues?**

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### FILMS

1. An inheritance, a cross-US trip, brotherly love (1988, starring Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise)
2. Caretaking in winter, writer's block, and a boy with an unusual gift (1980, Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall)
3. Coffee, betrayal, and tragic love (1985, Meryl Streep, Robert Redford)
4. A misfit disc jockey who makes you laugh at war (1987, Robin Williams, Forest Whitaker)
5. A hunchback needs water in the sun (1986, Gérard Depardieu, Yves Montand)
6. What a performance for troubled teenagers (1980, Irene Cara, Debbie Allen)
7. All about being 'human' in the future (1982, Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer)
8. Violence inside and out, good, and bad (1980, Robert de Niro, Joe Pesci)
9. Classic romantic drama, nicely choreographed (1987, Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey)
10. A freak show in Victorian London society (1980, John Hurt, Anthony Hopkins)

### BOOKS

1. Alice Walker 1982 – A certain shade
2. Margaret Atwood 1985 – the story of a dexterous servant
3. Stephen Hawking 1988 – a short account of a period
4. Toni Morrison 1987 – cherished

5. Kazuo Ishiguro 1989 – what is left of time
6. Salman Rushdie 1981 – kids in the middle of the night
7. Garrison Keillor 1985 – daylight hours around a fictional place in Minnesota
8. Haruki Murakami 1987 – like a song with George Harrison on the sitar
9. Isabel Allende 1982 – where ghosts live
10. Ken Follett 1989 – our planet's columns

## SPORT

1. What was newsworthy about the Summer Olympic Games held in Moscow in 1980?
2. Name the two British runners who competed side by side and each won gold in the 800m and 1500m at the 1980 Olympics.
3. Name the American athlete who won the 100m final at the 1988 Olympics, only to be stripped of his medal three days later after testing positive for steroids
4. At the 1984 Olympic Games, a barefoot runner from South Africa collided with her fiercest rival, an American. Name them both
5. Which country, now no longer a country, hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics?
6. At the 1988 Winter Games at Calgary, the first competitor to represent Great Britain in this event since 1928 was known by which nick-name?
7. Which footballer cheated in the World Cup in 1986 against England when a goal was allowed which he attributed to "The Hand of God"?
8. During the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, the American ice hockey team were due to meet four-time defending gold medallists, the Soviet Union. The Cold War was raging and both sides were desperate to win. Who won 4-3 with seconds remaining?
9. Billed as 'The Last Hurrah', Mohammed Ali took on which opponent in Las Vegas on 2nd October 1980? There were already concerns about Ali's health in the run-up to the fight – neurological scans showed some worrying symptoms and Ali had previously complained about tingling in his hands. However, doctors eventually cleared him to participate in the fight.

10. Snooker fans were already in heaven thanks to the introduction of colour TV in 1967. So they were even more excited by the first 147 break live on television during the 1982 Lada Classic. Who was the player, who went on to win numerous championships?

## MUSIC

1. What did the band Foreigner want to know in their smash hit of 1984?
2. Who composed the music for the film "Raiders of the Lost Ark"?
3. Which pop duo, active between 1985 and 1988, had a name which referred to the 1871 Paris revolutionaries?
4. Who told us to "beat it" in 1982?
5. In 1984, Tina Turner released a song whose title would be used for the 1993 biopic based on her life. What was its title?
6. Name the violinist whose 1989 recording of Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" sold over 2 million copies?
7. Who released the album "Like a Virgin" in 1984?
8. Which singer was the lead actor in the 1983 film "Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence"?
9. In 1982, Alan Parker directed a film based on a Pink Floyd album. What was its title?
10. Which English musician covered the 1929 song "Spread a Little Happiness" for the soundtrack of the film "Brimstone and Treacle" in 1982?

## DISASTERS

1. On 26 April 1986, a nuclear accident occurred in which town in the Ukraine, sending a radioactive cloud towards Europe and the UK?
2. On 6 March 1987, which car and passenger ferry capsized outside the Belgian port of Zeebrugge because the bow door had been left open? 193 passengers and crew died.
3. On 19 August 1987, Michael Ryan went on a killing spree and shot 31 people in which Berkshire town before killing himself?

4. On 18 November 1987, a lit match dropped down through an escalator to the Piccadilly line at which station, causing a fire that claimed the lives of 31 people and a hundred more injured?
5. On 6 July 1988, which oil rig in the North Sea, 120 miles (190km) north-east of Aberdeen blew up, killing 167 men?
6. On 12 December 1988, three trains collided due to signal failure just outside which London station? 35 people died and more than 400 were injured, 69 of them very severely.
7. On 21 December 1988, a bomb planted on a jumbo jet flown by which airline exploded over the Scottish town of Lockerbie, killing all 259 people on board and 11 on the ground?
8. On 8 January 1989, an emergency landing following an engine fault in a British Midland Boeing 737 brought down the plane on the embankment of the M1, just short of the runway at which airport ? Of 126 people on board, 47 died and 74 suffered serious injury.
9. On 15 April 1989, 96 Liverpool football fans were crushed to death and more than 700 were injured at which football stadium in Sheffield?
10. On 20<sup>th</sup> August 1989 a collision between a pleasure boat and a dredger in the Thames claimed the lives of 51 people, most of them under the age of 30. What was the name of the pleasure boat?

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