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Memory Lane: Step Back In Time

Revisit

Key Moments From The '60s.

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Jeffrey,

While some classics are untouchable, others are just begging for a reboot. Take a look at the [movies](#), [songs](#), and [TV shows](#) we're featuring this week and tell us if you think the do-overs were worth doing.

Below is just a taste of take-twos.

Check out our [Originals vs. Remakes](#) Collection for others, including *Cape Fear*, "Come Together," and *Knots Landing*.



Television Spin-Offs



[Happy Days spin-off: Laverne & Shirley](#)



[All in the Family spin-off: The Jeffersons](#)



[Diffrent Strokes spin-off: The Facts of Life](#)

If Hitchcock's version didn't have you swearing off showers, you truly have nerves of steel.



From the unsettling raspy voice of Mrs. Bates to that infamous "Ree! Ree! Ree!" shrill, [Psycho](#) scared the pants off of us without so much as a knife wound.

In our opinion, casting Vince Vaughn in [Gus Van Sant's 1998 shot-by-shot remake](#) was a big misstep. We love the quirky actor in *Swingers* and *Dodgeball*. But no one does skin-crawling crazy guy with mommy issues better than Anthony Perkins.

[See photos from the 1960 original »](#)
[Watch the 1998 remake trailer »](#)



Can you see Marlon Brando eating applesauce with a cork on his fork or wetting himself at the dinner table?

Neither can we. That's why 1988's [Dirty Rotten Scoundrels](#) gets our vote over the 1964 original, [Bedtime Story](#).

Steve Martin just brings a little something extra to the role of Freddy Benson. His antics as "Ruprecht the monkey boy" take a chuckle-worthy boys' club comedy and transform it into a side-splitting laugh fest.

[Watch the *Bedtime Story* trailer »](#)

[Watch the *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* trailer »](#)



So a loud mouth, a sports fan, and a deadbeat dad walk into a courtroom.



Which one is willing to put a young man to death based solely on personal prejudice? All of them, until one juror stands his ground in [12 Angry Men](#).

If we were talking about men of the grumpy old variety, [Jack Lemmon](#) would win hands-down. But as we see it, Henry Fonda's "Juror 8" is and always will be the quintessential voice of reasonable doubt.

[See photos from the 1957 original »](#)

[Watch the 1997 TV remake trailer »](#)



Some songs should just never be remade. For others, the cover versions actually surpass the originals in popularity. How do you think these remakes stack up?



"Kiss"

Original by [Prince](#) (Track 11)

Thank you, sir Tom Jones, for providing your impeccable vocal abilities on this Prince remake. We finally know what it sounds like when doves (and swooning women) cry.

[Sample the Art of Noise cover](#) (Track 9)



"Proud Mary"

Original by [Creedence Clearwater Revival](#) (Track 6)

Nope, it's not an Ike and Tina original. That honor goes to John Fogerty of CCR, whose pronunciation of "Toinin" and "Boinin" makes it easy for us to favor the Turner version.

[Sample the Ike and Tina Turner cover](#) (Track 9)

Happy 85th Norma Jeane - see our tribute to Marilyn

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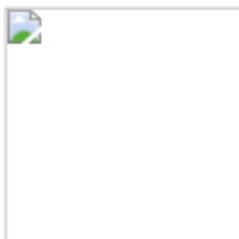
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"Knockin' on Heaven's Door"

Original by [Bob Dylan](#) (Track 7)

Ask your kids who sings this song, and they just might say, "Guns N Roses, duh!" Sad as that may be, we can't help but admit that Axl and the boys actually did it justice.

[Sample the GNR cover](#) (Track 4)



Trends come and go... and sometimes come back again. Take a look at these and tell us which era you think wore them best.



Little Black Dress

Coco Chanel invented it, but Audrey Hepburn perfected it. Ever since, the little black dress has been an icon of classic sophistication in every decade.



Shoulder Pads

So you want to be a football player? Or maybe just climb the corporate ladder? Either way, it's totally true: they really do make your hips look slimmer.



Hot Pants

They've inspired TV shows, songs, and the dreams of teenage boys. Not every girl has the gams to pull them off. But when they do... eat your heart out, Daisy Duke.

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