

POP Culture: 1980

ICONS: Ronald Reagan, Space Shuttle, Berlin Wall



- The U.S. hockey team stuns the world by winning the gold medal during the 1980 Winter Olympics.
- MTV airs its first music video ("Video Killed the Radio Star") on August 1, 1981.
- Sandra Day O'Connor becomes first woman on U.S. Supreme Court in September 1981.
- Apple Computer® launches its Macintosh computer in 1984.
- The Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 74 seconds after liftoff on January 28, 1986.
- Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express* wins the 1986 Caldecott Award.
- The stock market loses 22.6 percent of its value on "Black Monday," October 19, 1987.
- *Driving Miss Daisy* wins the 1989 Academy Award for "Best Picture."

The 1980 Census	
U.S. Resident Population:	226,542,199
Population per square mile of land area:	64.0
Percent increase of population from 1970 to 1980:	11.4
Official Enumeration Date:	April 1
Number of States:	50
Cost:	1.1 billion
Cost per Capita (cents):	486.5
Total Pages in Published Reports:	300,000
Number of Enumerators:	458,523
Census Bureau Director:	Vincent Barabba
Number of Questions on the Short Form:	19
Number of Questions on the Long Form:	52

10 Largest Urban Places		
Rank	Place	Population
1	New York City, NY	7,071,639
2	Chicago, IL	3,005,072
3	Los Angeles, CA	2,966,850
4	Philadelphia, PA	1,688,210
5	Houston, TX	1,595,138
6	Detroit, MI	1,203,339
7	Dallas, TX	904,078
8	San Diego, CA	875,538
9	Phoenix, AZ	789,704
10	Baltimore, MD	786,775

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