

Timeline of the 1970s

- **April 1970** For the first time the U.S. census counted over 200 million people living in the country.
- **May 1970** In a Vietnam protest, at Kent State University, four people were killed and nine people were wounded.
- **January 1971** A ban on television advertisements for cigarettes goes into effect in the United States.
- **March 1971** The 26th Amendment was passed changing the voting age from 21 to 18.
- **June 1971** The Supreme Court allowed the New York Times and Washington Post to publish the Pentagon papers.
- **October 1971** Disneyland opens up on the east coast in Orlando.
- **March 1972** The United States in retaliation for North Vietnamese troops crossing into South Vietnam began bombing Hanoi and Haiphong.
- **May 1972** President Nixon agrees to a strategic arms pact with the Soviet Union. This was known as SALT I.
- **June 1972** The Watergate crisis begins with the arrest of four men for breaking into the Democratic National Committee offices.
- **November 1972** President Nixon wins re-election over George McGovern by a landslide of 520 electoral votes to 17.
- **January 1973** The Supreme Court in *Wade versus Roe* rules that a woman can not be prevented from having an abortion in the first six months of pregnancy.
- **January 1973** The Paris Peace Accords end the Vietnam War. At the same time, the military draft was ended.

- **June 1973** Secretariat wins the Belmont Stakes by 37 lengths to win the Triple Crown in one of the most dominant displays in horse racing history.
- **October 1973** Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns among charges of tax evasion. He is replaced as Vice President by Gerald Ford.
- **May 1974** Impeachment hearings begin against President Nixon as a result of the Watergate Affair.
- **August 1974** President Nixon becomes the first president to ever resign from office. He is replaced by Vice President Gerald Ford.
- **January 1975** The show Wheel of Fortune premieres.
- **April 1975** The communists capture Saigon and take over all of Vietnam.
- **September 1975** Patty Hearst, heiress of the Hearst fortune, is rescued after her year of being held captive by the Symbionese Liberation Army and participating in a robbery in California.
- **July 1976** Viking I a space probe successfully lands on the surface of Mars.
- **November 1976** Jimmy Carter, a relatively unknown governor from Georgia, wins the Presidential election over Gerald Ford by an electoral count of 297 – 240.
- **January 1977** The majority of Vietnam War draft evaders, 10,000 in number, are pardoned by President Jimmy Carter.
- **May 1977** The movie Star Wars opens up and becomes the highest-grossing film at that time.
- **April 1978** The United States votes to return the Panama Canal to Panama by December 31, 1999.

- **September 1978** The Camp David Peace Agreement is formulated and signed by Egypt and Israel. The negotiations are led by President Carter.
- **October 1978** Pope John Paul II is elected Pope at Vatican City.
- **March 1979** The largest accident in American nuclear history occurred at Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Middletown, Pennsylvania.
- **November 1979** The Iran hostage crisis begins when 90 hostages, including 63 Americans, are taken at the American Embassy in Tehran.



Arizona and Peoria Timeline

- **1970** Construction of Arcosanti begins near Cordes Junction.
- **1971** City of Peoria assumed city status. Population of 4,792
- **1973** Construction begins on the Central Arizona Project.
- **1973** Peoria started city-wide mail delivery.
- **1974** Sun City separated from Peoria Unified School District.
- **1975** Raul Castro becomes the first Hispanic governor of Arizona.

- **1975** McDonalds first drive-thru restaurant in the nation opens up in Sierra Vista.
- **1975** Margaret Hance become the first female mayor of Phoenix and the first in the nation.
- **1976** Arizona Republic reporter Don Bolles is murdered when a bomb is placed under his car.
- **1977** Milwaukee Brewers begin spring training at the Greenway Sports Complex.
- **1978** Hogan's Hero star Bob Crane is murdered in Scottsdale.

Entertainment of the 1970s

Top TV Programs



Marcus Welby, M.D.
Here's Lucy
The Flip Wilson Show
Hawaii- Five-O
All in the Family
Sanford and Son
60 Minutes
Ironside

M.A.S.H.
Maude
The Mary Tyler Moore Show
Happy Days
The Waltons
Laverne and Shirley
Three's Company
Mork and Mindy



Top Music by the Years

- 1970** Let it Be (Beatles), Venus (Shocking Blue), Bridge over Troubled Water (Simon and Garfunkel), Spirit in the Sky (Norman Greenbaum), Whole Lotta Love (Led Zeppelin), Okie from Muskogee (Merle Haggard), American Woman (The Guess Who)
- 1971** My Sweet Lord (George Harrison), Imagine (John Lennon), I Beg Your Pardon (Lynn Anderson), Maggie May (Rod Stewart), Brown Sugar (The Rolling Stones) Me and Bobby McGee (Janis Joplin), Riders on the Storm (The Doors)
- 1972** American Pie (Don McLean,) Popcorn (Hot Butter), Nights in White Satin (The Moody Blues), Heart Of Gold (Neil Young), The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face (Roberta Flack), Papa Was A Rolling Stone (The Temptations), Long Cool Woman in a Black Dress (The Hollies)
- 1973** Angie (Rolling Stones), Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree (Tony Orlando and Dawn), Crocodile Rock (Elton John), Killing Me Softly With His Song (Roberta Flack), You're So Vain (Carly Simon), Midnight Train to Georgia (Gladys Knight & the Pips)
- 1974** Kung Fu Fighting (Carl Douglas), Seasons in the Sun (Terry Jacks), Waterloo (ABBA), You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet (BTO), The Joker (Steve Miller), The Way We Were (Barbara Streisand), Sweet Home Alabama (Lynyrd Skynyrd)
- 1975** I Can Help (Billy Swan), SOS (ABBA), Fox on the Run (The Sweet), Love Will Keep Us Together (Captain and Tennille), Rhinestone Cowboy (Glen Campbell), Get Down Tonight (KC and the Sunshine Band), The Hustle (Van McCoy and The Soul City Symphony)

- 1976** Dancing Queen (ABBA), Bohemian Rhapsody (Queen), If You Leave Me Now (Chicago), Don't Go Breaking My Heart (Elton John and Kiki Dee), Tonight's the Night (Rod Stewart), Mama Mia (ABBA), You Sexy Thing (Hot Chocolate)
- 1977** Hotel California (Eagles), I Feel Love (Donna Summer), You Light up My Life (Debby Boone), We Are the Champions (Queen), When I Need You- (Leo Sayer), Don't Let me Be Misunderstood (The Animals), Margaritaville (Jimmy Buffett) Car Wash (Rose Royce)
- 1978** Stayin' Alive (Bee Gees), You're the One That I Want (John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John), YMCA (Village People), Night Fever (Bee Gees), How Deep Is Your Love (Bee Gees), Three Times a Lady (Commodores), Hopelessly Devoted to You (Olivia Newton-John)
- 1979** Heart of Glass (Blondie), I Will Survive (Gloria Gaynor), Le Freak (Chic), Hot Stuff (Donna Summer), My Sharona (The Knack), Do Ya Think I'M Sexy (Rod Stewart), Ring My Bell (Anita Ward), What a Fool Believes (The Doobie Brothers), The Devil Went Down to Georgia (Charlie Daniels)

Movies of the 70s by the Years

- 1970** Love Story, The Owl and the Pussycat, Catch-22, Beneath the Planet of the Apes, Tora!, Tora!, Tora!, Woodstock, Patton, MASH, Airport
- 1971** The French Connection, Big Jake, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Harold and Maude, A Clockwork Orange, Fiddler on the Roof, Billy Jack, Diamonds are Forever, Dirty Harry, The Andromeda Strain, Shaft
- 1972** The Godfather, The Poseidon Adventure, Deliverance, Everything You Always Wanted to Know, What's Up Doc? Jeremiah Johnson
- 1973** The Exorcist, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Sting, Battle for the Planet of the Apes, Paper Moon, Day of the Jackal, Live and Let Die, Serpico, Magnum Force, Papillon, American Graffiti

- 1974** The Sugarland Express, Chinatown, Blazing Saddles, The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, The Towering Inferno, The Man with the Golden Gun, Thunderbolt and Lightfoot, The Godfather Part II, The Great Gatsby
- 1975** The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Jaws, Rollerball, Dog Day Afternoon, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Tommy, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Three Days of the Condor
- 1976** Rocky, Taxi Driver, Network, Mother Jugs and Speed, Silver Streak, Midway, Carrie, Silent Movie, The Enforcer, The Omen, The Bad News Bears, A Star is Born(1976), All the President's Men, King Kong(1976)
- 1977** Star Wars Ep. IV: A New Hope, Saturday Night Fever, A Bridge Too Far, The Kentucky Fried Movie, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Spy Who Loved Me, Smokey and the Bandit, Annie Hall, The Goodbye Girl, Looking for Mr. Goodbar
- 1978** Halloween, Grease, Superman, Convoy, Up in Smoke, The Boys From Brazil, Hooper, Heaven Can Wait, Invasion of the Body Snatchers, Midnight Express, The Lord of the Rings, National Lampoon's Animal House, Coming Home
- 1979** Alien, The Muppet Movie, Star Trek: The Motion Picture, Rocky 2, Apocalypse Now, 1941, Moonraker, Life of Brian, Kramer vs. Kramer, The Jerk, Escape From Alcatraz