

80s Music Quiz

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ROUND 1

1980s Pop Icons

1. Which 1984 musical film starred Prince as 'The Kid' and produced the hit 'When Doves Cry'?
2. Which singer became the first artist in Billboard history to have seven consecutive #1 hits, starting in the mid-1980s?
3. Which flamboyant frontman of Culture Club led the band to fame with 'Karma Chameleon'?
4. Which colorful 80s pop star sang the empowerment anthem 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun'?
5. Which singer left the duo Wham! to launch a hugely successful solo career with the 1987 album 'Faith'?
6. Which veteran rock-soul singer staged a massive career comeback with her 1984 album 'Private Dancer'?
7. Which British band, icons of the MTV era, had hits like 'Hungry Like the Wolf' and 'Rio'?
8. Which striking, androgynous frontwoman sang 'Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)' with Eurythmics?
9. Which singer co-wrote 'We Are the World' with Michael Jackson for USA for Africa in 1985?

80s New Wave and Synth-Pop

10. Which English band, formed in Basildon in 1980, became synth-pop icons with hits like 'Just Can't Get Enough' and later 'Enjoy the Silence'?

11. Which British solo artist and former Tubeway Army frontman had a robotic-sounding 1979 hit called 'Cars'?

12. Which Manchester band, formed from the ashes of Joy Division, blended rock and dance on the 1983 single 'Blue Monday'?

13. Which Sheffield band topped charts worldwide in 1981 with the synth-pop love triangle anthem 'Don't You Want Me'?

14. Which New York art-rock band, led by David Byrne, brought new wave into avant-garde territory with the 1980 track 'Once in a Lifetime'?

15. Which English band led by Robert Smith mixed gloomy gothic textures with pop hooks on songs like 'Just Like Heaven'?

16. Which quirky Ohio band, known for matching red 'energy dome' hats, released the new wave classic 'Whip It' in 1980?

17. Which British band, famous almost as much for their gravity-defying hairstyle as their music, hit big in 1982 with 'I Ran (So Far Away)'?

1980s Rock Anthems

18. Which Guns N' Roses track, famous for its ringing guitar intro, opens their 1987 debut album 'Appetite for Destruction'?

19. Which Van Halen frontman fronted the band for its biggest 1980s hits before being replaced by Sammy Hagar?

20. Which Twisted Sister anthem became a defiant answer to the question 'What do you want to do with your life?'?

21. Which Swedish band's soaring keyboard riff powers their 1986 global smash 'The Final Countdown'?

22. Which Survivor anthem became forever linked to Rocky Balboa after featuring in 'Rocky III'?

23. Which British-American band's 1984 power ballad asks the question 'I Want to Know What Love Is'?

24. Which Whitesnake anthem, backed by a famous MTV video on a car hood, was a 1987 reworking of one of their own earlier songs?

80s One-Hit Wonders

25. Which British reggae group of teenagers had a massive 1982 hit with 'Pass the Dutchie'?

26. Which Austrian singer topped the US charts in 1986 with 'Rock Me Amadeus'?

27. Which duo had a surprise 1986 hit with the deceptively upbeat 'The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades'?

28. Which German singer and band had a global 1983 hit protest song called '99 Luftballons'?

29. Which British-American band had a joyful 1985 smash with 'Walking on Sunshine'?

30. Which Canadian band's signature dance-craze hit was 1982's 'The Safety Dance'?

31. Which vocal artist, singing entirely a cappella, topped the charts in 1988 with 'Don't Worry, Be Happy'?

32. Which Italian act delivered the bouncy 1985 novelty hit 'Tarzan Boy'?

33. Which British musician had his biggest hit with the quirky synth track 'She Blinded Me with Science' in 1982?

34. Which American band had a lasting hit with the phone-number chant '867-5309/Jenny' in 1981?