

SALTY LESSON # 1; THE DECADES RUN INTO EACH OTHER AS FAR AS ERAS GO

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NOSTALGIA - AS REPRESENTED BY DIFFERENT POP CULTURE ERAS GETTING IDENTIFIED BY DIFFERENT DECADES - IS NOT REALLY ALL THAT EXACT OR ACCURATE. EXAMPLE:

The 1950's

IDENTIFIED IN THE POP CULTURE MIND AS THE ERA OF EISENHOWER, ELVIS, ROCK N' ROLL, THE HOULA-HOOP, ETC. WELL, THE "50'S ERA" ACTUALLY LASTED FROM ABOUT 1954 UNTILL 1963 - NOT FROM 1950 TO 1959.

WHY? PROFESSOR SALTY WILL EXPLAIN; EISENHOWER BECAME PRESIDENT IN 1953 AND ROCK N' ROLL & ELVIS BURST ONTO THE POP CULTURE ~~SCENE~~ STAGE IN 1955 AND 1956, RESPECTIVELY (SO IT STARTED IN THE MID 50'S) AND ENDED IN 1963 WHENE KENNEDY GOT ASSASSINATED AND THE BEATLES BURST UPON THE AMERICAN STAGE (WITH "I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND") IN LATE 1963. SO THIS IS ACTUALLY HOW LONG THE 50'S ERA LASTED; FROM THE MID 1950'S UNTILL 1963.

THE POP CULTURE 60'S ERA DID NOT LAST FROM 1960 UNTIL 1969 - NO, NOT AT ALL. IT LASTED FROM 1964 UNTIL 1975. IT STARTED WITH BEATLEMANIA AND THE BRITISH INVASION AND THE BEGINNING OF THE VIETNAM WAR IN 1964 AND CONTINUED INTO 1974-1975 WHENE NIXON WAS FORCED TO RESIGN AND THE FALL OF VIETNAM, RESPECTIVELY. →

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Like, what pop culture THINKS OF AS the 70's (DISCO, the "me" decade, etc.) DID NOT GO FROM 1970 TO 1979 - NOT AT ALL! - what people THINK OF AS "the 70's ERA" - LASTED ONLY ABOUT 5 YEARS, FROM 1975 TO 1980.

"The 80's" is one of the FEW THAT ACTUALLY DID LAST FOR THE SAME LENGTH AS THE ACTUAL DECADE; FROM 1980 TO 1989; it REALLY WAS "THE REAGAN DECADE" IN THAT RESPECT; IT LASTED FROM WHEN RONALD REAGAN RAN FOR PRESIDENT IN 1980 UNTILL he LEFT OFFICE IN 1989.

SO YOU SEE, DECADES ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM TO BE; ~~BACK~~ AND WHAT THE MEDIA / POP CULTURE REMEMBERS AS THE 50'S AND 60'S AND 70'S ERAS DID NOT ACTUALLY SPAN THE EXACT YEARS OF THOSE DECADES, ALTHOUGH THE 80'S DID.

THE 80'S WERE THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE. THE EXCEPTION THAT PROVES SALTY'S HISTORY RULE # ONE; HISTORY IS BUNK, AS HENRY FORD ONCE FAMOUSLY PROCLAIMED. IN MODERN TIMES, THE MASS MEDIA DOES AS MUCH TO SHAPE HISTORY AS THE HISTORIANS. AND THIS SAME MEDIA IS THE EXCLUSIVE SHAPER OF POP CULTURE HISTORY. THIS IS WHY SO MUCH OF IT IS INDEED BUNK.

I - PAT/SALTY - AM HERE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT - THOSE ASSHOLES OBVIOUSLY ARE INCAPABLE OF IT. I URGE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO JUDGE THEIR OWN ERA FOR THEMSELVES - AS FAR AS THEY CAN. ENJOY!

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