






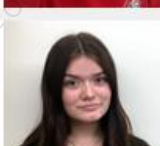




BOP OR FLOP?

Hits of the Decade

2019		<p>“Old Town Road” by Lil Nas X</p> <p>“Old Town Road’ was a good song, but people kept remixing it every five seconds so it was overplayed.” -Rachel Sallis ('21)</p>
2018		<p>“God’s Plan” by Drake</p> <p>“God’s Plan’ is a bop because bad things happen, but it’ll turn out good. It’s just God’s plan.” -Wyatt Phillips ('21)</p>
2017		<p>“Shape of You” by Ed Sheeran</p> <p>“Shape of You’ is a bop because everyone knows it, and it’s a good song overall.” -Shyia Sabel ('21)</p>
2016		<p>“Sorry” by Justin Bieber</p> <p>“Sorry’ is a flop because he’s trying to apologize for all the bad things he’s done as if that makes it okay.” -Amy Brandt ('23)</p>
2015		<p>“Hotline Bling” by Drake</p> <p>“Hotline Bling’ was a bop because it was super catchy and everyone listened to it.” -Morgan Barker ('22)</p>
2014		<p>“Happy” by Pharrell Williams</p> <p>“Happy’ is a bop because Pharrell Williams is fire.” -Ever Jens ('20)</p>
2013		<p>“Thrift Shop” by Macklemore</p> <p>“Thrift Shop’ is a bop. Fourth grade me would be jamming to it when the clean version came on in the back of my mom’s car.” -Mary Meder ('20)</p>
2012		<p>“Somebody That I Used to Know” by Gotye</p> <p>“Somebody That I Used to Know’ is a bop because it really be hitting during sad baby hours.” -Trinity Brown ('21)</p>
2011		<p>“Friday” by Rebecca Black</p> <p>“Friday’ was a bop because it’s about Fridays, and Fridays are great.” -Reagan Adkins ('23)</p>
2010		<p>“Baby” by Justin Bieber</p> <p>“Baby’ is definitely a bop. He was my favorite artist at the time, and the song hits hard.” -Hanna Lopez ('21)</p>

TRAGIC TRENDS

Students reflect on popular 2019 moments

VSCO girls. E-Boys. TikTok. Metal straws. Scrunchies. Hydro Flasks. "And I oop--." Any of these trends ring a bell? Whether you loved it or hated it, 2019 was a year to remember with many monumental moments. From new fashion trends to environmental awareness, as the decade came to an end, students reflected on the big trends from the year.

While some students found fashion trends from this year fascinating, others had big opinions on music. "2019 reminds me of new popular artists such as Doja Cat and Lizzo. They are changing the game," **Timothy Campbell ('21)** said.

Many students enjoyed mixing fashions from previous decades and putting a modern twist on them to make a unique statement. "80s and '90s clothing trends are definitely coming back," said **Kennedy Hostetler ('21)**. **Maya Roberts ('21)** agreed that people took fashion to the next level, saying, "I think *Euphoria* makeup and bigger makeup looks along with combining new and old styles together is new for 2019."

Many people in 2019 also got involved with

environmental awareness and took action. "When I think of 2019, I think of all of the environmental awareness, like the plastic straws. It's a small change, but it's a step in the right direction," **Eric Alfaro ('22)** said.

Not everyone was interested in music and fashion, though. Some students focused on gaming trends from the year. "When I think back on 2019, I think of new games like *2K* and *Fortnite* and some other really popular games, but *Modern Warfare* is my favorite," **Henry Hodges ('21)** said.

Many students also named the social media site TikTok as a top trend this year. "When I think of 2019, I think of TikTok and VSCO girls," **Isabella Kuta ('23)** said. Hodges agreed, saying, "When I think of 2019, I think of TikTok, and I think it's really lame."

While some students felt excited about metal straws and scrunchies, others were focused on watching their favorite TikTok videos or listening to Lizzo's new song. However, all students could agree that 2019 was a year for the books. (M. Henning and J. Hanks)



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