

A 5W Guide to '60s–'70s TV Recall

The TV Memory Tool That Helps you Reclaim the Stories of Your Life

Questions

The Show Your Family Never Missed

Who watched with you?

What show was it?

When did it air in your house (night of the week, decade, your age)?

Where did you watch (living room, basement, on a tiny black-and-white set)?

Why did it become “family time” TV?

The Character You Saw Yourself In

Who was the character.

What traits or storyline made you relate?

When did you first notice the connection?

Where were you in life then (job, school, new parent)?

Why does that character still stick with you?

The Catchphrase Everyone Repeated

Who said it (JJ from *Good Times*, a *Laugh-In* regular, Archie Bunker)?

What was the exact line?

When did you and your friends/family start using it?

Where did you first hear it (episode, season, specific scene)?

Why did it feel so funny or true?

Variety Show Skit That Cracked You Up

Who performed it (*The Carol Burnett Show*, *SNL*, *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*)?

What happened in the skit?

When did it air (approx. year/season)?

Where were you watching and with whom?

Why do you still remember that gag or punchline?

Saturday Morning Cartoons You Lived For

Who were your favorite characters?

What cartoons were “must watch”?

When did your ritual start (what grade/age)?

Where did you park yourself (floor, couch, with cereal)?

Why were those mornings the best part of the week?

The First Color TV Moment That Blew You Away

Who in your family made the upgrade?

What show popped in color first (*The Wonderful World of Disney*, *Bonanza*)?

When did that happen?

Where were you sitting when you saw it?

Why did it feel like magic?

A TV Family You Compared Yours To

Who was the TV family (*The Waltons*, *The Partridge Family*, *The Brady Bunch*)?

What similarities or differences did you notice?

When did you make that comparison?

Where did your own family mirror (or clash with) theirs?

Why did that family feel ideal, realistic, or totally opposite?

An Episode That Tackled a Big Social Issue

Who were the main characters (Archie & Edith, Maude, Hawkeye & BJ)?

What topic did it cover (war, race, women's rights, addiction)?

When did it air—and how old were you?

Where were you when you watched it (home, dorm, a friend's house)?

Why did it change how you thought or felt?

A Theme Song You Still Hum

Who wrote or performed it (if you know)?

What show is it from (*Hawaii Five-O*, *Mission: Impossible*, *The Jeffersons*)?

When did it become your earworm?

Where do you still hear it (commercials, playlists, your head!)?

Why does it instantly take you back?

1The Game Show You Yelled Answers At

Who hosted it?

What was your favorite kind of challenge or round?

When did you usually watch (after school, evenings)?

Where did you keep score or make pretend bids?

Why was it so satisfying to “win” from the couch?

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