

History of Viral Dances

People have been dancing forever, but the growth of recorded media in the 20th century (records/CDs, MTV, streaming services, and the internet) has led to the “viral” spread of specific dances or dance moves.

The 20th century saw the spread of countless dance crazes ranging from the Charleston and the Jitterbug, to the Twist, disco, break dancing, slam dancing, the Macarena, and several hundred others.

Today, in the era of YouTube and social media, new dance trends seem to emerge and spread in a heartbeat, inspired by anything from a celebrity Tweet to a video game.

YOUR TASK is to learn about one of these viral dance crazes and teach us about what you learn.

Dances (feel free to add one to the list, just run it by Ms. Shen first!)

Single Ladies (2008)	Da’ Dip (1996)	Harlem Shake (2012)
Gangnam Style (2012)	Cha Cha Slide (2000)	Fortnite dances
The Whip/Nae Nae (2015)	Crank That (2007)	In My Feelings (2018)
Renegade (2019)	Electric Slide (1989)	Cotton Eyed Joe (1994)
Running Man (1986)	YMCA (1978)	Tootsee Roll (1994)
Stanky Legg (2009)	Boot Scootin’ Boogie (1992)	
Macarena (1995)	Dougie (2007/9)	

You are going to

1. **RESEARCH THE DANCE** (when did it start, how did it spread, what influence did it have on society/dances after it?)
2. **BUILD A SLIDESHOW** to share what you’ve learned about the dance with the class. As part of this, you have the option to teach us the dance as well (have fun with it!)

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. When did the dance start?
2. What music is it traditionally partnered with?
3. How did it spread & who helped it to spread?
4. What influence or connection did the dance have to dance after it? (Is there anything like it to be found in later dance culture?)

SLIDESHOWS

Slide 1: cover page (title of dance, date, picture)

Slide 2: video of the dance

Slide 3: when did it start, how did it spread & who helped it to spread? (include at least 1 picture)

Slide 4: what influence/connection did the dance have to dance after it? (include at least 1 picture or a video example)

Slide 5: video of the dance (either a how-to video, another example of the dance, etc.)