

ENGL 258: Popular American Culture (90's Nostalgia)

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Course Description:

Fashion, tv shows, books, movies, and more from the 90s continue to sweep current popular trends. But why are we so nostalgic for the 90s? Why do generations born after 9/11 continue to embrace the culture of the 90s? This class will explore the literature and iconic sitcoms of the 90s to explore the cultural movements of the time and to consider their remaining popularity today.

In class we will discuss various sitcoms like *Friends*, *Frasier*, and *Seinfeld* as well as short stories and novels from the 90s. This class will also consider scholarship from and about the 90s and use the theoretical backing for in-class and written discussion.