

MARS

IN POP CULTURE

- The term “Martian” was popularized by H.G. Wells in his 1898 novel, The War of the Worlds; ever since, Martians have been feared on Earth.
- Marvin the Martian, a Looney Toons character, is one of the few intelligent Martians represented in pop culture.
 - He has been depicted in numerous animated series, including *South Park*, *The Simpsons* and the Michael Jordan film *Space Jam*, and was referenced in the 1995 cult classic film *Clueless*.
- The late David Bowie referenced space throughout his music. In his 1971 song, ‘Life on Mars?’ he asks this question: which scientists still contemplate today.
- In his novel Gulliver’s Travels, author Jonathan Swift made reference to the moons of Mars and described their orbits about 150 years before their actual discoveries.
- In Kim Stanley Robinson’s Mars trilogy, realistic depictions of human colonies on Mars were described and have been stuck in the minds of Earthlings ever since.
- Interest in what life would be like on the Red Planet has peaked recently with Andy Weir’s book The Martian, which was made into a blockbuster film with the same name, starring Matt Damon as an astronaut who is forced to survive alone on Mars.
- Mars in Music:
 - Captain Crash and the Beauty Queen from Mars - Bon Jovi
 - First Kiss on Mars - Stone Temple Pilots
 - Life of Mars - David Bowie
 - Man From Mars - Joni Mitchell
 - Marching to Mars - Sammy Hagar
 - Mars - Jay Sean
 - Mars Meets Venus - Duran Duran
 - Mars Theme - Nick Cave & Warren Ellis, MARS S1 soundtrack
 - Mars vs. Venus - Usher
 - Might as Well Be On Mars - Alice Cooper
 - Moving to Mars - Coldplay
 - Rocket Man - Elton John
 - Take Meta Mars - The Flaming Lips
 - Teenagers from Mars - Misfits
 - Transmitting Live from Mars - De La Soul
 - Venus and Mars - Paul McCartney and Wings
 - Viva Life on Mars - Robbie Williams

- **Mars** in Film: **Mars** has been part of our collective imagination for ages; in film, we've been obsessed with the Red Planet since as early as 1910! Just a few of them include:
 - A Trip to **Mars** (1910)
 - Aelita (1924)
 - Flash Gordon's Trip to **Mars** (1938)
 - Flight to **Mars** (1951)
 - Red Planet **Mars** (1952)
 - Abbott and Costello Go to **Mars** (1953)
 - Invasion from **Mars** (1953)
 - War of the Worlds (1953)
 - Devil Girl from **Mars** (1954)
 - It! The Terror from Beyond Space (1958)
 - The Angry Red Planet (1959)
 - Robinson Crusoe on **Mars** (1964)
 - The Wizard of **Mars** (1965)
 - Mission to **Mars** (1968)
 - Capricorn One (1977)
 - Total Recall (1990)
 - **Mars** Attacks! (1996)
 - RocketMan (1997)
 - Species II (1998)
 - Mission to **Mars** (2000)
 - Tom and Jerry: Blast off to **Mars** (2005)
 - Roving **Mars** (2006)
 - Martian Child (2007)
 - Princess of **Mars** (2009)
 - **Mars** Needs Moms (2011)
 - John Carter (2012)
 - Last Days on **Mars** (2013)
 - The Martian (2015)
 - Space Between Us (2017)
 - Starship Troopers: Traitor of **Mars** (2017)