

The History of Internet Memes

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1. Which 1996 3D-animated video of a dancing baby is widely considered one of the internet's first viral memes?

- A) The Dancing Hamster
- B) The Baby Cha-Cha
- C) Ooga-Chaka Baby
- D) Dancing Infant Animation

2. The term 'meme' was coined by evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in his 1976 book titled what?

- A) The Selfish Gene
- B) The Ancestor's Tale
- C) The Blind Watchmaker
- D) River Out of Eden

3. What was the primary medium used to circulate the 'All Your Base Are Belong To Us' meme in the early 2000s?

- A) Email attachments
- B) Flash animation
- C) Usenet newsgroups
- D) IRC chat logs

4. In 2005, the 'Numa Numa' video featuring Gary Brolsma became an early viral sensation on which video hosting platform?

- A) YouTube
- B) Vimeo
- C) Newgrounds
- D) Dailymotion

5. The 'Rickrolling' phenomenon, which involves baiting users into clicking a link to Rick Astley's 'Never Gonna Give You Up', originated on which website?

- A) Reddit
- B) 4chan
- C) Tumblr
- D) Digg

6. 'Keyboard Cat', a video of a cat playing an electronic keyboard, was originally filmed in what year before becoming a meme in 2007?

- A) 1984
- B) 1992
- C) 1998
- D) 2001

7. The 'Success Kid' meme, featuring a toddler clenching a fist of sand, is a cropped version of a photo taken by which photographer?

- A) Laniesha Griner
- B) Justin Laney
- C) Blake Griner
- D) Sarah Laney

8. What was the first video ever uploaded to YouTube, which helped initiate the platform's role in meme culture?

- A) Me at the zoo
- B) Charlie bit my finger
- C) Evolution of Dance
- D) Potter Puppet Pals