

Mars Hill Topics 2023-2024

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Mars Hill is intended for competitors 14 and older due to some mature themes and elements included in the content.

*Indicates new topic

Current Visual Media (last 5 years):

- 1. *Free Guy (PG-13) 2021
- 2. *Dune (PG-13) 2021
- 3. *Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) 2022
- 4. Minari (PG-13) 2020
- 5. Belfast (PG-13) 2021
- 6. Mandalorian season 1 (TV-14) 2019
- 7. SpiderMan No Way Home (PG-13) 2021
- 8. Hichki (NR) 2018
- 9. Encanto (PG) 2021
- 10. The Farewell (PG) 2019
- 11. Soul (PG) 2019
- 12. Knives Out (PG-13) 2019

Classic Visual Media:

- 1. *Minority Report (PG-13) 2002
- 2. *The Office S6, Ep 10 "Murder" (PG) 2009
- 3. * Pinocchio (G) 1940
- 4. *The Day the Earth Stood Still (G) 1951
- 5. *The Hunt for Red October (PG) 1990
- 6. Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood Season 1 Episodes 1-2 (TV-14) 2009
- 7. 42 (PG-13) 2013
- 8. *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, Book 3, Chapter 16: "The Southern Raiders" (TV-Y7) 2008
- 9. The Wind Rises (PG-13) 2014
- 10. A Silent Voice: The Movie (NR) 2016
- 11. 12 Angry Men (NR) 1957
- 12. The Seventh Seal (NR) 1957

Current Music Lyrics:

- 1. *"The Search" (NF)
- 2. *"World's Smallest Violin" (AJR)
- 3. *"Lydia Wears a Cross" (Julia Jacklin)
- 4. *"Anti-Hero" (Taylor Swift)
- 5. *"Neon Gravestone" (21 Pilots)
- 6. "Grow As We Go" (Ben Platt)
- 7. "Matilda" (Harry Styles)
- 8. "Higher Power" (Cold Play)
- 9. "Always" (BTS)
- 10. "Home" (Vince Staples)
- 11. "Harmony Hall" (Vampire Weekend)
- 12. "Everything I Wanted" (Billie Eilish)

Classic Music Lyrics:

- 1. *"Lean on Me" (Bill Withers)
- 2. *"Daniel" (Elton John)
- 3. *"Hard to Say I'm Sorry" (Chicago)
- 4. *"We Belong" (Pat Benatar)
- 5. "Accentuate the Positive" (Ella Fitzgerald)
- 6. "My Way" (Frank Sinatra)
- 7. "Strange Fruit" (Billie Holiday)
- 8. "You've Really Got a Hold on Me" (Smokey Robinson & The Miracles)
- 9. "Vienna" (Billy Joel)
- 10. "Feeling Good" (Nina Simone)
- 11. "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" (Simon & Garfunkel)
- 12. "A Day in the Life" (Beatles)

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Literature:

Prose

- 1. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
- 2. *Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party by Ying Chang Compestine
- 3. *Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- 4. "The Magic Shop" by HG Wells
- 5. "The Veldt" by Ray Bradbury
- 6. Dracula by Bram Stoker
- 7. 1984 by George Orwell
- 8. The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
- 9. Maus by Art Spiegelman
- 10. *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie **Poetry**
- 11. *"Hymn to Intellectual Beauty" by Percy Bysshe Shelley
- 12. "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The Arts:

Plays and Musicals

- 1. *An Enemy of the People by Henrik Ibsen
- 2. West Side Story by Arthur Laurants
- 3. *Henry V* by William Shakespeare
- 4. The Music Man by Meredith Wilson
- 5. Fences by August Wilson
- 6. Hadestown by Anais Mitchell

Visual Art

- 7. *Fallen Angel by Alexandre Cabanel
- 8. *right? by Banu Cennetoglu
- 9. Dorrance Dance Blues Project
- 10. Nobody Likes Me by iHeart
- 11. Officer of the Hussars by Kehinde Wiley
- 12. The Persistence of Memory by Salvador Dali

Current Cultural Media:

Ted Talks

- <u>The Danger of a Single Story</u> by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- 2. <u>The Power of Vulnerability</u> by Brene Brown

Podcasts

- 3. *"Detransition: The Wounds That Won't Heal: Chloe Cole" by Jordan B. Peterson
- 4. *"The Iranian Regime's Most Wanted Woman" by Bari Weiss
- 5. "Go to the Mattresses" by Elna Baker *This American Life*

Short Films

- 6. *"Is Gen Z Misinformed? Conservative Teens vs. Liberals vs. Moderates: Middle Ground"
- 7. *This is Water* by David Foster Wallace
- 8. If Anything Happens I Love You (PG) 2020

Documentary

9. The Social Dilemma (PG-13) 2020

Spoken Word

- 10. "The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman
- 11. "Every 40 Seconds" by Patrick Roche
- 12. "To This Day" by Shane Koyczan

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Retired Topics 2023-2024 Season

Retired Current Visual Media

- 1. WandaVision mini-series (TV-PG) 2021
- 2. Harriet (PG-13) 2019
- 3. Series of Unfortunate Events S3 Ep 1-2 (TV-PG) 2019

Retired Classic Visual Media

- 1. Rebel Without a Cause (PG-13) 1955
- 2. Babette's Feast (G) 1987
- 3. Finding Nemo (G) 2003
- 4. Twilight Zone S4, Ep 4 "He's Alive" (TV-PG) 1963
- 5. North by Northwest (NR) 1959

Retired Current Music Lyrics

- 1. "Let You Down" (NF)
- 2. "No Tears Left to Cry" (Ariana)
- 3. "Stupid Deep" (Jon Bellion)
- 4. "Bad Religion" (Frank Ocean)
- 5. "Level of Concern" (Twenty One Pilots)

Retired Classic Music Lyrics

- 1. "What a Wonderful World" (Louis Armstrong)
- 2. "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" (Elton John)
- 3. "Which Side Are You On?" (Pete Seeger)
- 4. "Vincent" (Don McLean)

Retired Literature

- 1. *Just Mercy A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stephenson
- 2. Silence by Shusaku Endo
- 3. 12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos by Jordan B Peterson
- 4. "Ulysses" by Alfred Lord Tennyson

Retired The Arts

- 1. *Man of La Mancha* by Dale Wasserman, Joe Darion and Mitch Leigh
- 2. The Perfect Imperfection-The Art of Healing Expedition by Billie Bond
- 3. *The Four Gospel Frontispieces* by Makoto Fujimura

Retired Current Cultural Media

- 1. <u>How the Magic of Kindness Helped Me Survive</u> <u>the Holocaust</u> by Werner Reich
- 2. <u>True Story of Bowe Bergdahl</u> Serial, Season 2
- 3. *Bao* (G) 2018

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