

MTV started in **1981**. Wasn't popular at first because cable TV was a luxury and music videos were not popular at the time. First song played was "Video Killed the Radio Star" by The Buggles.

In **1984**, Michael Jackson won the American music awards. Prince released Purple Rain in the same year. There was of competition between these two and more artists. The Miners' strike in England happened this year, with many people protesting Thatcher's proposed ideas to close down many Mines in England, especially in the North.

In **1989**, the Berlin Wall came down, marking an end of the cold war and a divided Germany. Before this, many songs were wrote about the wall like The Passenger by Iggy Pop.

In **1983**, Billie Jean hit number one in the charts and later in the year, so did Let's Dance by David Bowie. This shows the drastic change in popular music genres and how new technology influenced mainstream music. U2 released Sunday bloody Sunday, about the events that happened in Northern Ireland in 1972.

Live aid was in **1985** held at Wembley Stadium and JFK Stadium in North America. Raised over \$127 million for the African Famine. 'Do They Know Its Christmas' was made with many famous artists and the money from it was given to charity.

