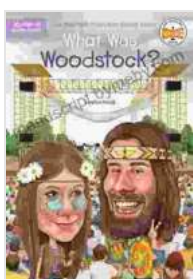


# What Was Woodstock? What Was: The Inside Story of the Counterculture's Defining Moment

In the summer of 1969, half a million people gathered in a field in upstate New York for a music festival that would come to define a generation. Woodstock was more than just a concert; it was a cultural phenomenon that symbolized the hopes and dreams of the counterculture movement.



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## The Origins of Woodstock

The idea for Woodstock was born in the mind of Michael Lang, a young music promoter from New York City. Lang had been involved in several

successful music festivals in the past, but he wanted to do something bigger and better. He envisioned a festival that would bring together the biggest names in rock and folk music and create a sense of community and togetherness.

Lang found a partner in John Roberts, a wealthy businessman who was also a fan of music. Roberts agreed to finance the festival, and the two men began to put together a lineup of performers. They booked some of the biggest names in music, including Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, The Who, and Santana.

## **The Festival**

Woodstock was held on August 15-18, 1969, on a farm in Bethel, New York. The festival was a huge success, attracting over 500,000 people. The weather was perfect, the music was amazing, and the atmosphere was electric.

The festival featured a wide variety of music, from rock and folk to blues and jazz. Some of the most memorable performances included Jimi Hendrix's rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner," Janis Joplin's performance of "Piece of My Heart," and The Who's performance of "My Generation."

In addition to the music, Woodstock also featured a number of other activities, including arts and crafts, food vendors, and a free medical clinic. The festival was a truly unique event, and it remains one of the most iconic moments in American history.

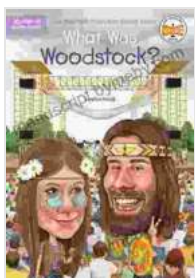
## **The Legacy of Woodstock**

Woodstock had a profound impact on American culture. The festival helped to popularize rock and folk music and it also helped to raise awareness of the counterculture movement. Woodstock also inspired a number of other festivals, including the Isle of Wight Festival in England and the Glastonbury Festival in England.

Today, Woodstock remains a symbol of peace, love, and music. The festival's legacy continues to inspire people around the world.

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