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# The History of Doctor Who A Journey through Space and Time





## How It All Began

The first ever episode of Doctor Who was broadcast on November 23rd 1963.



It was called 'An Unearthly Child'.

The programme came into being to fill an empty Saturday night slot between Grandstand' - the sports update and 'Juke Box Jury' - a pop music show.

# How It All Began

In those days, there was no catch-up TV so if you didn't tune in, you missed an episode.

The Saturday evening slot would have been a popular time for families to watch TV.

It quickly became apparent that all members of the family could enjoy it.



### How It All Began

The first series was a big hit and Doctor Who became a Saturday night staple.

The theme music for Doctor Who has remained the same since the first episode. It has been remixed and reimagined but it always retains its unique sounds and underlying beat.

It was written by Ron Grainer and created and brought to life by Delia Derbyshire, who worked in the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.



It was made before synthesisers were available. The strange electronic sound was made by cutting and splicing tapes.

At the time, it was a groundbreaking piece of music and one of the first electronic compositions to be used as a theme tune.

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#### First and Latest

Here is a <u>link</u> to the very first opening titles of Doctor Who.

Go to BBC iPlayer to check out the most recent <u>opening credits</u>.

How do the two compare?

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Doctor who the TV show has had two incarnations.



The very first set of programmes ran from 1963 to 1989.

Each storyline lasted several episodes.

It saw the transition from black and white to colour.



#### Appearance to Regeneration: 1963 - 1966



#### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Susan	Time Lord Gallifrey
Ian	Human Earth
Barbara	Human Earth
Ben	Human Earth
Polly	Human Earth
Dodo	Human Earth
Vicki	Human Earth
Steven	Human Earth

### The First Doctor

William Hartnell

#### Who Knew?

The series was first conceived as an educational programme to teach children about science and history. It's no accident that two of the companions (Ian and Barbara) were teachers...

After four series, William Hartnell's health was failing and the idea of regeneration was hatched so that another actor could take over.

The First Doctor regenerated after using all his strength to fight the Cybermen. It was known then as a 'renewal.'



### The First Doctor

William Hartnell

#### Who Knew?



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### The First Doctor

William Hartnell



Patrick Troughton

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Appearance to Regeneration: 1966 - 1969

#### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet	
Jamie	Human Earth	
Victoria	Human Earth	
Zoe	Human Earth (Space Station W3)	



Patrick Troughton

#### Who Knew?

According to this Doctor, he is a genuine medical Doctor - he got his degree in Edinburgh in the 19th century.



This series sees the first introduction of UNIT (then known as United Nations Intelligence Taskforce), a worldwide military organisation protecting Earth from aliens.

This is the series where we first meet Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart, who goes on to become a great friend of the Doctor and appears in many stories up to 2014.

#### Patrick Troughton

#### Who Knew?



The Second Doctor is forced to regenerate by the Time Lords as a punishment for interfering. He's also banished to Earth and loses knowledge of the TARDIS.

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Patrick Troughton



What do you think people from the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century would think about the Doctor and his ability to time travel?

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# Appearance to Regeneration: 1970 - 1974

#### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Liz	Human Earth
Jo	Human Earth
Sarah-Jane	Human Earth



# The Third Doctor

Jon Pertwee

#### Who Knew?

In 1970, Doctor Who was filmed in colour for the first time. However, there were still many homes with only a black and white TV!

Most of the Third Doctor's stories take place on Earth, since he was banished here by the Time Lords.

In this incarnation, we meet the Master for the first time. This outlaw Time Lord becomes the Doctor's long term archenemy - right up until the present day.



### The Third Doctor

Jon Pertwee

#### Who Knew?



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### The Third Doctor

Jon Pertwee



#### Tom Baker

#### Appearance to Regeneration: Companions Introduced: 1974 - 1981



Name	Species/Planet
Harry	Time Lord Gallifrey
Leela	Sevateem Unknown
Romana	Time Lord Gallifrey
Nyssa	Alien Traken
Tegan	Human Earth
Adric	Alien Alzerius

Tom Baker

#### Who Knew?

Iom Baker portrayed the Doctor longer than any other actor, playing him for 7 years and 172 episodes.

The Fourth Doctor brought us K-9, the loveable dog-like, laser-shooting robot.

His unusually long scarf was an accident. The woman who knitted it used up all the wool she had been sent, not realising she was supposed to knit several scarves.

Tom Baker

#### Who Knew?



Tom Baker



### The Fifth Doctor

Peter Davison

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#### Appearance to Regeneration: 1981 - 1984

#### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Turlough	Alien Trion
Peri	Human Earth



# The Fifth Doctor

Peter Davison

#### Who Knew?

For the episode 'Earthshock', when Adric dies, his star-shaped badge for mathematical excellence is shown broken in pieces, while the credits roll in silence.

The celery that the Fifth Doctor wears turns purple in the presence of a gas called praxis. The Doctor is allergic to the gas so wears the celery as a warning.



### The Fifth Doctor

Peter Davison

#### who Knew?

At some point in the back story, the Fifth Doctor crashes the TARDIS into the Tenth Doctor's TARDIS and only just escapes creating a massive black hole.

> He regenerates after accidentally exposing himself and Peri to toxic raw spectrox. With only one portion of the antidote, he saves Peri.



Colin Baker

Appearance to Regeneration: 1984 - 1986

#### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Mel	Human
IMEL	Earth

Mel is the only companion whose first adventure with the Doctor is not seen on screen.



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Colin Baker

#### Who Knew?

The Sixth Doctor managed to temporarily fix the chameleon circuits to allow the IARDIS to camouflage into its surroundings, but it interfered with navigation, so the blue box returned.



Colin Baker said his costume was like "an explosion in a rainbow factory". It was designed to be garish, despite the character of the Sixth Doctor being often moody and bad-tempered.

Colin Baker

Who Knew?



Colin Baker



### The Seventh Doctor

Sylvester McCoy

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Appearance to Regeneration:

1987 - 1996

The TV series ended in 1989. The Seventh Doctor makes a guest appearance in the 1996 film.

#### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Ace	Human Earth

Ace is a teenage expert in explosives. She was taken from the 1980s to the distant future and stranded there until she was rescued by the Doctor.


Sylvester McCoy

### Who Knew?

The Seventh Doctor speaks with a Scottish accent. He is the first Doctor that doesn't speak with received pronunciation.

He carried an umbrella with a question mark handle to match his question mark pullover.

The Seventh Doctor was a big fan of chess, even calling himself a 'chess master'.



Sylvester McCoy

### Who Knew?



Sylvester McCoy



## The Modern Doctors

In 1989, the decision was taken to 'rest' Doctor Who.

Even when Doctor Who was off the air, there were still novels and audio dramas where he continued his travels and adventures.

In 1996, fans got to see the Doctor back on their screens in a one-off IV film.



## The Modern Doctors



### The Eighth Doctor Paul McGann

### Appearance to Regeneration: 1996 and 2013

### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Grace	Human Earth

Grace is a doctor and the only companion who inadvertently causes the Doctor to regenerate.



### The Eighth Doctor Paul McGann

### Who Knew?

Although he only appeared twice on TV as the Doctor, the Eighth Doctor has featured in more Doctor Who stories, through books and audio, than any other Doctor.



It was hoped that the 1996 film would trigger enthusiasm for a new series but this didn't happen.

The film doesn't end with a regeneration. The Doctor leaves in the TARDIS, alone.

### The Eighth Doctor Paul McGann

### Who Knew?

A is not until a mini-episode to celebrate the Doctor's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, that we see the Eighth Doctor crashing into a planet and being helped to regenerate by the Sisters of Karn.

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Christopher Eccleston

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Appearance to Regeneration: 2005

### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Rose	Human Earth
Captain Jack Harkness	Human Boeshane Peninsular
Mickey	Human Earth

Christopher Eccleston

### Who Knew?

In the Ninth Doctor's first appearance, we do not see the transition from his former incarnation to his present one.

This doesn't happen until the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary special, in 2013, when we see him regenerate from the War Doctor.

The Ninth Doctor speaks with a northern accent and is less wacky and more down to earth than previous Doctors.



#### Christopher Eccleston

### Who Knew?



The Ninth Doctor saves Rose by absorbing the time vortex that was inside her. This is too much for his body, causing him to regenerate.

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Christopher Eccleston



Do you think all new Doctors should be introduced showing their regeneration?

David Tennant

Appearance to Regeneration: 2005 - 2010

### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Donna	Human Earth
Martha	Human Earth
River Song	Human/Time Lord Earth



David Tennant

### Who Knew?

David Tennant was a massive Doctor Who fan. Some say he only became an actor to have the chance to play the role.

The Tenth Doctor is one of the most popular Doctors of all time (and space probably) having won numerous polls.

This Doctor wore two suits, a brown suit and a blue suit. The blue suit was introduced in season three and could be a symbol of the Doctor moving on with his life after the loss of Rose.



David Tennant

### Who Knew?

The Tenth Doctor actually regenerates twice, but he stops the process the first time and keeps the same body.

He finally regenerates to save the life of Wilfred, Donna's granddad.



#### David Tennant



Matt Smith

## Appearance to Regeneration: 2010 - 2013

### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Amy	Human Earth
Rory	Human Earth
Clara	Human Earth



### Matt Smith

### Who Knew?

Once the Eleventh Doctor was introduced, sales of bow ties increased by over 90% for one retailer.

The Second Doctor also wore a bow tie, which is what inspired the Eleventh's costume.

At only 26 years old, Matt Smith was the youngest ever actor to be cast in the role.



#### Matt Smith

### Who Knew?



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#### Matt Smith



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Peter Capaldi

## Appearance to Regeneration: 2013 - 2017

### Companions Introduced:

Name	Species/Planet
Bill	Human Earth
Nardole	Alien/Cyborg Mendorax Dellora



Peter Capaldi

### Who Knew?

Peter Capaldi was such a big fan of Doctor Who when he was young that he wrote to the fan club repeatedly asking to be made club secretary.

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If you watch the episode 'The Fires of Pompeii' from 2008, you will spot Peter Capaldi in another role...

Nardole was the first fully alien companion to accompany the Doctor for 30 years.

Peter Capaldi

### Who Knew?



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Peter Capaldi



Jodie Whittaker

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Appearance to Regeneration: 2017 -



Name	Species/Planet
Ryan	Human Earth
Yasmin	Human Earth
Graham	Human Earth



Jodie Whittaker

### Who Knew?

This incarnation of the Doctor is the first time the Gallifreyan has regenerated as a woman.

The idea of casting a woman in the role was considered as early as 1981.

The Doctor is not the first Time Lord to swap genders when regenerating. Her enemy the Master has done it along with other Time Lords during the long history of the programme.



Jodie Whittaker

### Who Knew?



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Jodie Whittaker



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### Appearance to Regeneration: 2013 - 2014

This Doctor is an oddity. He has no companions and no adventures in space and time. He was created simply to bring the Time War to a conclusion.

His main appearance was in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary special episode 'The Day of the Doctor', where he has to make a decision on how to end the war between the Time Lords and the Daleks. Does he do it by destroying them both or find another way?

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### Who Knew?

The Eighth Doctor was given a choice of regeneration. He decided to become a warrior to intervene in the Time War.



He renounced the name 'Doctor' and so this incarnation has no name. However, he is commonly known as the 'War Doctor'.

At the end of his only full episode, the War Doctor, simply through old age, begins to regenerate into the Ninth Doctor.

## The Doctor That Wasn't

John Hurt



# The Fugitive Doctor

Appearance: 2020

In January 2020 the Thirteenth Doctor meets a woman called Ruth Clayton in an episode called Fugitive of the Judoon'.

At the start of the episode Ruth is living life as an ordinary human but during the programme we find out that she is, in fact, an unknown regeneration of the Doctor.

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# The Fugitive Doctor

Jo Martin



Aer TARDIS, along with her true identity, had been hidden using a 'Chameleon Arch' near an old lighthouse but were revealed when she was told to 'Follow the light and break the glass.'

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Jo Martin is the first Black actor to be cast in the role of the Doctor.

## The Doctor's Enemies

In each of their adventures, the Doctor faces an enemy.

Each series introduces brand new antagonists that the Doctor must defeat.



However, the Doctor has a number of rivals that show up again and again....

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### Davros



## Daleks

Autant aliens in a shell casing to protect and weaponise them. Daleks are war-hungry and cruel. Their favourite word is 'exterminate'.

## The Master/Mistress

Another Time Lord and former friend of the Doctor, the Master (or Mistress) is out to destroy Earth and the Doctor in any way they can. The Master regenerates just like the Doctor so can often hide in plain sight.

## Cybermen



Cyborgs whose goal is to convert humans into Cybermen. They have no emotions and live only to assimilate other species into their form.

# Weeping Angels

creatures who look like stone statues, but when you stop looking at them, they move nearer until they can grab you and transport you through time. The only way to stay safe is to look at them and not blink.

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## The Silence

hese aliens are members of a terrifying race with powers of telepathy that can secretly influence events. Their power lies in the fact that as soon as you turn away from them, you forget them all together. They devise a plan to kill the Doctor once and for all.

## Silurians



An advanced race of reptilian humanoids, who were the dominant life-form on Earth before the humans evolved. They are honourable warriors who find co-habitation with humanity impossible.

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## Zygons

shape-shifting creatures who are small in number but hard to spot because they can take on the shape of other living beings.

