


Wikipedia Definitions — “Cultural Icon” (http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cultural_icon)



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Cultural icon

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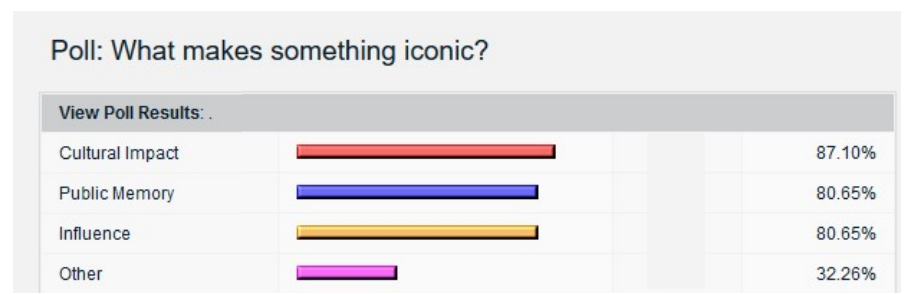
A **cultural icon** can be a **symbol**, **object**, **artifact**, **tool**, **face**, **person**, **building** or other **image**. It is easily recognized and generally represents an object or idea with great **cultural** significance to a wide cultural group. It has a special status as representing, or important to, or loved by, a particular group of people, a place, or a period in **history**.

In the **media**, many well-known examples of **popular culture** have been called "iconic". Some writers say that the word is overused.

What makes something iconic?

- Cultural Impact**
Its impact on mass culture/popular culture during its time.
- Public Memory**
How much the particular iconic entity is remembered by the general public.
- Influence**
Its influence on other works by separate artists.
- Other**

What do people think about things that are “*iconic*”?



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