POPULAR DIETS IN HISTORY

1920s

THE CIGARETTE DIET



Lucky Strike launches a campaign encouragina women to 'Reach for a Lucky instead of a sweet'.

1930s

1940s

1950s

THE GRAPEFRUIT DIET

A grapefruit before each meal is believed to kickstart your metabolism and burn fat.



THE MASTER CLEANSE



Cocktail of hot water, lemon juice, maple syrup and cayenne pepper claims to detoxify the liver.

THE CABBAGE DIET

Week long diet of cabbage soup 3 times a day promised to trim waist down.



THE POINT SYSTEM DIET



Weight Watchers program focuses on replacing calorie counting with a points system.

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY DIET



Voluntary sedation for up to 20 hours to avoid eating.



THE COOKIE DIET



Eating cookies with a unique blend of amino acids claims to curb hunger.

THE PILL DIET

Primary ingredient in diet pills is amphetamine which has a side effect of appetite suppression. 1970s

1980s

THE SCARSDALE DIET

A two week diet encouraging 1000 calories per day and high-protein consumption.



'FIT FOR LIFE' DIET



Based on the theory that protein and complex carbs should not be combined.

THE SLIMFAST DIET

According to their website, "2 meals with SlimFast shakes, 3 100-calorie snacks and a sensible meal" can help achieve weight loss.



THE ATKINS DIET

Developed in the 1970s, the low-carb, high-protein diet moves the body into ketosis and burn stored fat.

1990s

THE LOW FAT DIET

Fat-free products fill the shelves as it is believed that eating fats make you 'fat'.



THE KETO DIET

Low-carb, high-fat diet encourages the body to burn fat instead of carbs.



2000s

THE RAW FOOD DIET

Consumption of uncooked, unprocessed organic foods boosts digestion and fights chronic disease.



THE GLUTEN-FREE DIET



Breads, pasta and other carbs are deemed bad for the intestinal tract, even for those without celiac disease.

THE JUICING DIET



Replacing juices for meals is seen as a way to get daily fruit and vegetable intake and to detox the body.

2010s

2020s

THE PALEO DIET

Follows the diet of our ancient ancestors, relying on lean protein to feel full and improve digestion.



THE CLEAN EATING DIET

Eating less processed food and more plant-based wholefoods for physical and mental energy.

