History of TOAST



Ancient Egypt

Bread, and structures to make it in, start making an appearance in the world.



Roman Empire

Romans learn a solution to stale bread is to heat it in front of a fire or on a hot stone and toast is born. Coming from the Latin word torrere, "to burn", toast means "sliced bread singed by heat."

1400s

Toast makes its first appearance in print. A recipe called Oyle Soppys features onions simmered in oil and stale beer, served over a slice of toast with another for garnish.



1500s-1600s

Toast was commonly placed in drinks to give them flavor, a practice well-known enough to appear in a Shakespearean play. This also introduced the term "to toast someone's health."





1700s

Want to show some respect? Don't bow, dunk toast in your drink at them! Dunking toast in your drink indicated respect for someone in the 1700s.



1800s-1900s

Kilts, bagpipes, and...toasters? Alan MacMasters, from Edinburgh, creates the first electric toaster in 1893, but it's not until 1909 that GE creates a model that catches on as a household appliance.

1980s

Bill Murray helps coin the term "You're Toast" in 1984's Ghostbusters, forever changing action movie threats.



2000s

Seem like your glass is always half empty or your toast always lands buttered side down? 62% of the time, the latter might be true according to a 2001 study.







2010s

Artisanal toast is a rising food trend, made popular by upscale bakeries in cities across America.

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