

Groups and movements

A collage of gothic-themed images. On the left, a close-up of a woman's face with pale skin, dark hair, and red eyes. In the center, a woman in a black dress stands in a misty, arched stone tunnel. On the right, a purple skull with a cross-like symbol on its forehead. Several black butterfly silhouettes are scattered across the red background.

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GOTH

A lot of teenagers join different groups and movements nowadays.

In our opinion, the main reasons of joining the group is ability to show your solidarity with like- minded friends.

There are a lot of different subcultures, so young people can find a group or a movement that will suit their interests.



Why do people become Goths

Goths are free thinkers, people who don't accept the moral rules of society because they say: 'This is just how it is' or 'This is what God says!'. Rather Goths tend to listen to what you have to say, and make up their own mind.



The symbols of Goth

The ankh is a fundamental mark of Goth. It means an immortal life because the cross is a symbol of life and the circle is a symbol of eternity. Moreover there are some other different symbols. They are cross, pentagram, heartagram, Celtic cross and eye of Ra.



The Goths' belonging to one or another group in the subculture is defined mostly by appearance and clothes. There is no a "standard" Goth, so we can't bring any common rules to "discovering Goths". It's considered there are 4 criteria.



Visiting places of Goths' meetings

*There are clubs,
regular concerts of
gothic groups, gothic
shops, arranged
places of meeting in
forgotten buildings,
cemeteries in cities
with developed
gothic culture.*



Gothic view of the life.

It's the “dark” perception of the world, the special romantic-depressive view of the life which is reflected in

- *1. behavior*
- *2. perception of reality*
- *3. relations with society*
- *Characteristic features of Goths are “artistry” and aspiration to express themselves .*

Gothic exterior

Mostly, gothic image is black clothes, black hair, black nails, black lips and black eyes. Of course, it is not about all of Goths, but majority of them look like it. Their artistry and aspiration to express themselves make them differ from each other.



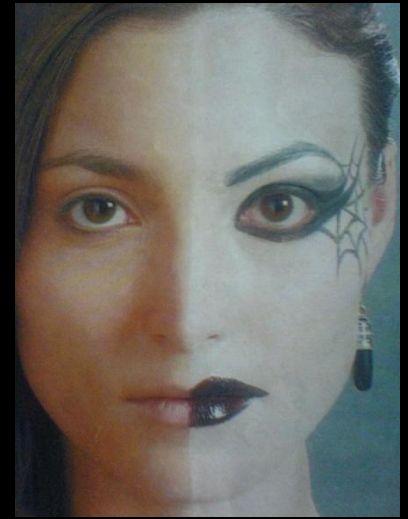
Gothic music

- *Evanescence*
- *For my pain*
- *Lacrymosa*
- *Marilyn Manson*
- *Apocalyptica*
- *Him*
- *Nightwish*
- *The Cure*
- *The 69 Eyes*



Goth's make-up

- *Face is made very pale with tone cream or white powder.*
- *Eyes are often with black shadows to strengthen the contrast with pale face. Eyes are leaded up with long lines as a cat's ones.*





- *Eyelashes are painted by black mascara. Sometimes different kinds of laying ones are used.*
- *Eyebrows are often removed and are painted straight eyebrows up to the temples.*



Goth's hair

Goth's hair-style is very original. Mostly, it is of black colour but sometimes locks are singled by other colours: red, green, blue, silver or violet. Principal kinds of hair are "pony tail", "irokez", "the explosion on the macaroni factory" and other.



Kinds of Goths

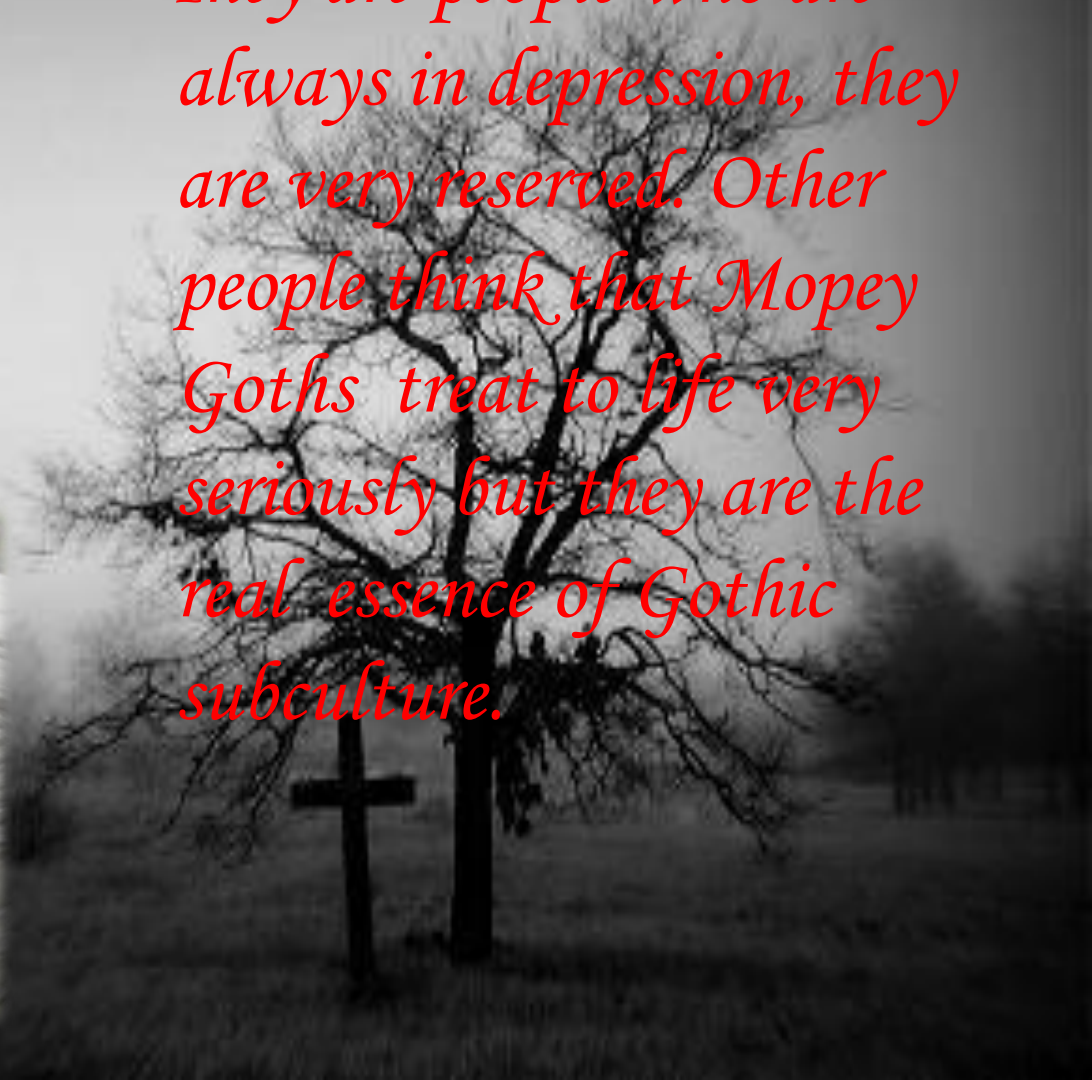
- *Punk Goths*
- *Victorian Goths*
- *Androgyn Goths*
- *Hippie Goths*
- *Corporative Goths*
- *Cyber Goths*
- *Classical Goths*
- *Vampire Goths*



Mopey Goths



They are people who are always in depression, they are very reserved. Other people think that Mopey Goths treat to life very seriously but they are the real essence of Gothic subculture.



Perky Goths

It is people who treat to Gothic subculture more relaxed. They like to spend their free time in clubs and parties. Depression is not for them. Majority of Goths all over the world are Perky Goths.

Antiquity, Romantic, & Victorian Goths

They are people who prefer the style of any historical epoch in their image. This is one of the most effective and beautiful gothic styles.



Cyber Goths

Cyber Goths use electric and copper wire to decorate. They always shave hair or paint it in blue, green, and violet colours.



Fetish Goths

Frickes are similar to fetish aesthetic which express in vinyl, latex, and leather clothes.



Androgyn Goths



They are «no sex» Goths. All make-up they use, hides the sex of the person. They prefer skirts, high shoes, vinyl, and latex clothes.

- *We made a pole among our classmates. We asked the only question: “What’s your attitude to Goths?”
Look at the results.*

