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Early Life and Surfing Roots

Mike Hynson was born in Santa Monica, California, in 1946. Growing up near the iconic Malibu beach, he was drawn to the ocean from an early age. At just 12 years old, he started surfing, and his passion for the sport quickly turned into an obsession.

Hynson's natural talent and fearless approach to surfing soon caught the attention of local surfers and beachgoers alike. He became known for his unique style, characterized by his aggressive stance and innovative techniques, such as the "Hynson High Line."

The Malibu Surfing Scene in the 1960s

The 1960s was a golden era for surfing in Malibu. The beach became a mecca for surfers from all over the world, and Hynson was at the heart of this vibrant surfing community.

Along with other surfing legends such as Miki Dora and Phil Edwards, Hynson pushed the boundaries of surfing and helped to shape the modern sport. He experimented with new surfboard designs, and his daring maneuvers inspired a generation of surfers.

Surfing Rebel and Counterculture Icon

Beyond his surfing prowess, Hynson was known for his rebellious spirit and his role as a counterculture icon. He rejected the conventions of the time and embraced a bohemian lifestyle, which was reflected in his surfing style and his approach to life.

Hynson's rebellious nature often led him into conflict with the authorities. He was arrested on multiple occasions for surfing at unauthorized beaches

and for his involvement in protests against the Vietnam War.

Transcendental Surfing Experiences

In the late 1960s, Hynson began to explore the spiritual side of surfing. He traveled to India and studied meditation and yoga, which influenced his approach to the sport.

Hynson believed that surfing was more than just a physical activity; it was a way to connect with the ocean and experience a transcendental state of mind. He described his surfing experiences as "out-of-body" moments, where he felt a deep connection to the universe.

Legacy and Impact on Surfing

Mike Hynson's legacy as a surfer is immeasurable. He was one of the pioneers of modern surfing, and his innovative techniques and rebellious spirit continue to inspire surfers around the world.

Hynson's surfing style was characterized by its fluidity and power. He was known for his ability to ride the wave with incredible speed and control, and his signature move, the "Hynson High Line," became a benchmark for surfers of all levels.

Beyond his surfing accomplishments, Hynson was also a vocal advocate for environmental protection and social justice. He used his platform to speak out against pollution and the destruction of coastal ecosystems, and he was actively involved in various social and political causes.

Mike Hynson was a true surfing rebel who left an indelible mark on the sport and the world. His transcendental surfing experiences and his

rebellious spirit continue to inspire surfers and non-surfers alike, reminding us of the transformative power of the ocean and the importance of living life on our own terms.

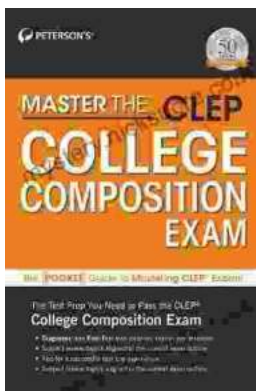


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