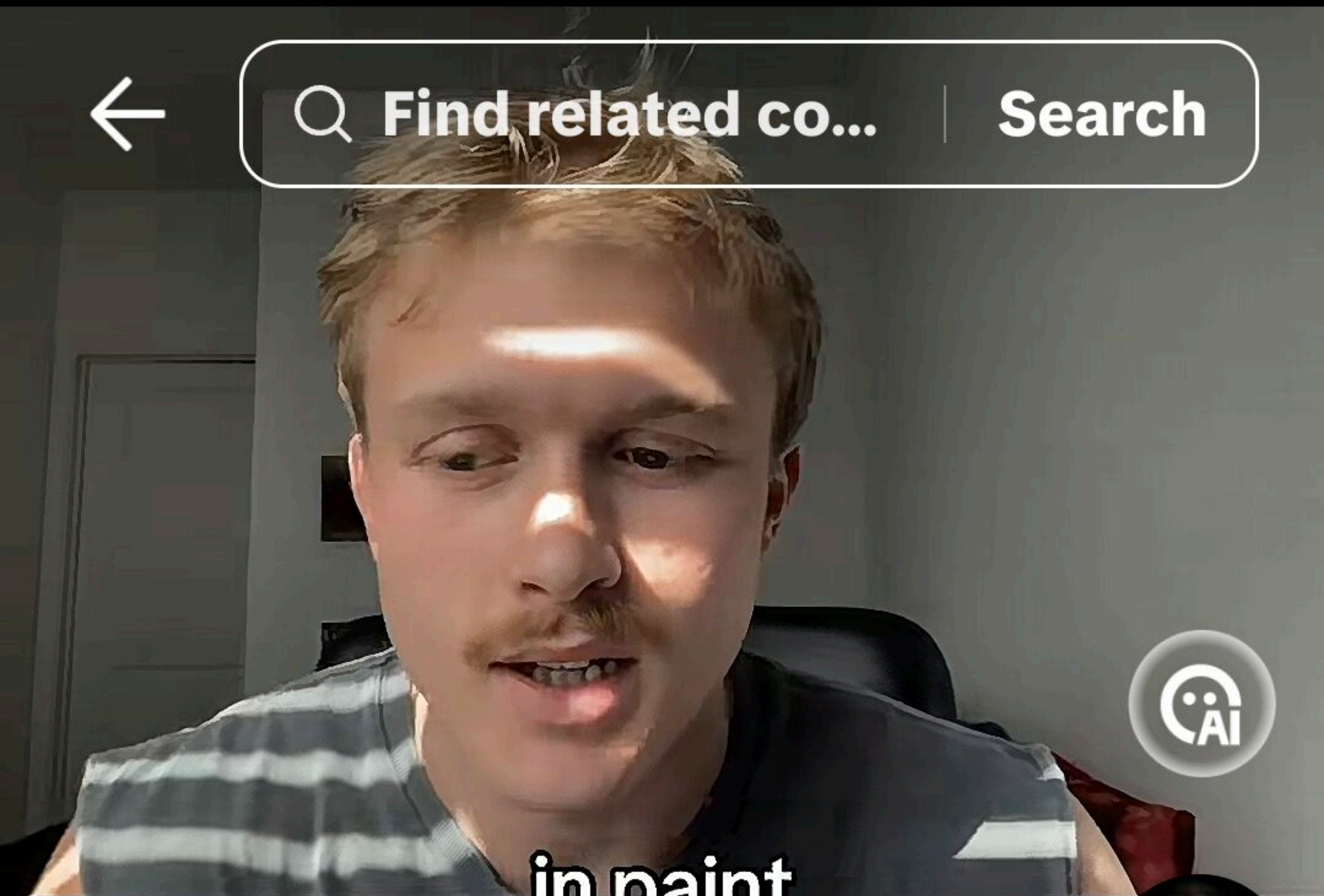




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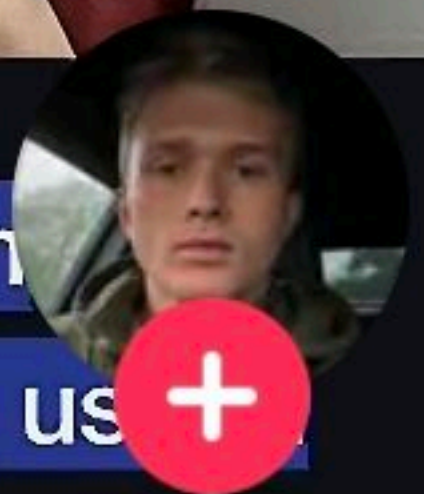


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The U.S. consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) banned lead-based paint for residential use

1978. It was banned because lead is a potent toxin, especially to children, causing brain damage, learning disabilities, lower IQ, and behavioral issues due to ingestion of paint chips and dust.

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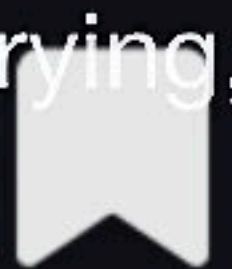
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Why was Lead Paint Used and Then Banned?



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- **Why it was used:** Before the 1978 ban, lead was added to paint to improve durability, speed up drying, and maintain a fresh appearance.
- **Why it was banned:** By the 1970s, clear scientific evidence linked lead-based paint to severe, irreversible developmental damage in children.
- **The Hazard:** While older, intact paint is generally not a risk, peeling, chipping, or cracking lead paint (common in homes built before 1978) produces dust, which is a major environmental health



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