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In the fast-paced comedy *Back to the Future*, Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) is transported backwards in time to 1955 in a time machine invented by his friend Doc Brown (Christopher Lloyd). He accidentally interrupts the first meeting of his parents (Lea Thompson and Crispin Glover), creating a paradox that endangers his existence. The task of playing Cupid to his parents is complicated because his future mother develops a crush on him. Critics were impressed by this Oedipal theme, and audiences responded to the common fantasy of discovering what one's parents were like as teens. *Back to the Future* (1985) was followed by two sequels—*Back to the Future Part II* (1989) and *Back to the Future Part III* (1990)—and an animated TV series (1991-1993).

Michael J. Fox (left) and Christopher Lloyd in a scene from *Back to the Future*.