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## Music

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## Pop Culture

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9. Russia imprisoned Gary Powers in 1960 for spying. What type of plane did he fly?
10. What did the U.S. Postal Service add in 1963 that is part of every address today?

## Movies

1. Which film won the Oscar for Best Picture in 1960?
2. Which actor won the Oscar for Best Actor for his role in the 1962 film *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
3. Which film was the highest grossing release of 1963, yet still lost money because it was one of the most expensive films ever made?
4. Who played the role of Norman Bates in the 1960 horror movie, *Psycho*?
5. What was the name of Butch Cassidy's gang in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*?
6. What type of airplane appears in *Dr. Strangelove*?
7. Who landed at 17 Cherry Tree Lane in a well-known Walt Disney movie from 1964?
8. What famous actor starred in *Lilies of the Field* and *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*?
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4. Which product did Proctor and Gamble launch in 1966 that revolutionized baby care?
5. What famous band arrived from England to the U.S. in February 1964?
6. What famous TV series debuted in 1966 with these words ... "Space, the final frontier ...?"
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5. What is the name of the deadly disease that struck a convention in Philadelphia in July 1976 and was named for the convention where it struck?
6. Who replaced the Shah of Iran in 1979?
7. What newspaper heiress took part in a San Francisco bank robbery in April 1974?
8. Who leaked the Pentagon Papers in 1971?
9. In June 1971, the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed giving 18-year-olds what right?
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## Sports

1. Which Olympic athlete set a record in 1972 by winning seven gold medals?
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3. Which athlete was the first to earn a perfect score in the history of Olympic gymnastics?
4. Who was the first member of the Negro League inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame?
5. In 1979, who became the first man to win the Daytona 500 six times?
6. The first back-to-back Triple Crown winners in horse racing history happened in 1977 and 1978. What horses won?
7. In 1972, Franco Harris put the Steelers in the AFC Championship game with a miracle catch. What was that catch called?
8. What hide was first used to cover baseballs in 1975?
9. Who beat the Babe Ruth's home run record in 1974?
10. In what park was the New York City Marathon run until 1970?

## Pop Culture

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  2. Which book about a bird on a journey of self-discovery topped The New York Times best-seller list for 38 weeks in 1970?
  3. What musical genre peaked with the 1977 release of the film *Saturday Night Fever*?
  4. Which 70s TV series aired Saturday mornings and taught children lessons about math, grammar, government and more?
  5. What was the name of the character played by Herve Villechaize in the TV series, *Fantasy Island*?
  6. What singer-songwriter, considered by many to be the greatest electric guitar player of all time died in 1970?
  7. What was the top selling song of the 1970s decade?
  8. Who created the Muppets?
  9. What movie from the 1970s made many people afraid to go swimming in the ocean?
- What was the name of Stephen King's first published novel that came out in 1974?

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## History

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2. Which disease did Dr. Jonas Salk successfully create a vaccine for in 1952? **Polio**
3. What was the name of the first satellite launched into orbit by Russia in 1957? **Sputnik**
4. Who overthrew Fulgencio Batista in 1959 and became dictator of Cuba? **Fidel Castro**
5. What year did Disneyland open? **1955**
6. What famous explorer first climbed Mount Everest in 1953? **Sir Edmund Hillary**
7. Who became Premier of the Soviet Union in 1958? **Nikita Khrushchev**
8. Senator Joseph McCarthy, who conducted a nationally televised hearing in 1954 to root out Communists in the government, represented what state? **Wisconsin**
9. What is the name of the woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955? **Rosa Parks**
10. Which member of the royal family became head of state in Great Britain in 1953? **Queen Elizabeth II**

## Music

1. Which famous song sung by Doris Day was introduced in the 1956 Hitchcock thriller, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*? **Que Sera Sera**
2. Which singer had a hit with *Sixteen Tons* in 1955? **Tennessee Ernie Ford**
3. Which group had a hit with *Twilight Time* in 1958? **The Platters**
4. Which smoky-voiced singer sang *Too Young* in 1951? **Nat King Cole**
5. What Cleveland disc jockey first used the term "Rock N Roll" in 1951? **Alan Freed**
6. Tony and Maria were the lead characters in what Broadway musical that premiered in 1957? **West Side Story**
7. Who recorded *Rock Around the Clock* in 1955? **Bill Haley and the Comets**
8. Who originally sang *That'll Be the Day*? in 1957? **Buddy Holly and the Crickets**
9. The Coasters recorded a song in 1959 with the line "You're gonna need an ocean of Calamine lotion." What is the name of the song? **Poison Ivy**
10. B.J. Thomas sang *"I Can't Help It If I'm Still In Love With You"* in 1967. Who first recorded it in 1951? **Hank Williams Senior**

## Pop Culture

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2. Which rising young star from the movie *Rebel Without a Cause* died in an automobile accident in 1955? **James Dean**
3. Which television game show first aired in 1956 and is still running today? **The Price Is Right**
4. What famous baseball player married Marilyn Monroe in 1954? **Joe DiMaggio**
5. What piece of women's clothing, named after a dog, became popular in the 1950s? **Poodle skirt**
6. What teen idol sang, "Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb?" **Edd "Kookie" Burns**
7. What type of hat/cap did both Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone wear on TV in the 50s? **Coonskin**
8. Eating what type of live fish became popular in the 1950s? **Goldfish**
9. What famous cowboy of the 1950s was really named Leonard Slye? **Roy Rogers**
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3. Israeli forces defeated Arab forces in this extremely short but decisive war that took place in June 1967. What is the name of that war? **Six Day War**
4. What was the name of the conflict in 1961 in which CIA-trained forces tried, but failed to invade Cuba and overthrow Fidel Castro? **Bay of Pigs**
5. Who was assassinated in November 1963? **President John F. Kennedy**
6. What new type of telephone was invented in 1963? **Touch-tone**
7. Who delivered the famous "I have a dream" speech in 1963? **Martin Luther King Jr.**
8. What iconic anti-war novel did Joseph Heller publish in 1961? **Catch-22**
9. Russia imprisoned Gary Powers in 1960 for spying. What type of plane did he fly? **U-2**
10. What did the U.S. Postal Service add in 1963 that is part of every address today? **ZIP codes**

## Movies

1. Which film won the Oscar for Best Picture in 1960? **The Apartment**
2. Which actor won the Oscar for Best Actor for his role in the 1962 film *To Kill a Mockingbird*? **Gregory Peck**
3. Which film was the highest grossing release of 1963, yet still lost money because it was one of the most expensive films ever made? **Cleopatra**
4. Who played the role of Norman Bates in the 1960 horror movie, *Psycho*? **Anthony Perkins**
5. What was the name of Butch Cassidy's gang in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*? **Hole in the Wall Gang**
6. What type of airplane appears in *Dr. Strangelove*? **Boeing B-52**
7. Who landed at 17 Cherry Tree Lane in a well-known Walt Disney movie from 1964? **Mary Poppins**
8. What famous actor starred in *Lilies of the Field* and *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*? **Sidney Poitier**
9. *Easy Rider* starred Peter Fonda, Jack Nicholson and Dennis Hopper. Which one directed the movie? **Dennis Hopper**
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4. Which product did Procter and Gamble launch in 1966 that revolutionized baby care? **Pampers**
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6. What famous TV series debuted in 1966 with these words ... "Space, the final frontier ...?" **Star Trek**
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5. What is the name of the deadly disease that struck a convention in Philadelphia in July 1976 and was named for the convention where it struck? **Legionnaires' disease**
6. Who replaced the Shah of Iran in 1979. **Ayatollah Khomeini**
7. What newspaper heiress took part in a San Francisco bank robbery in April 1974? **Patty Hearst**
8. Who leaked the Pentagon Papers in 1971? **Daniel Ellsberg**
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3. Which athlete was the first to earn a perfect score in the history of Olympic gymnastics? **Nadia Comaneci**
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