

TAKE A QUICK TOUR OF THE 60s



1960

Billboard's #1 Song is *You Talk Too Much* by Joe Jones
Berry Gordy borrows \$800 and starts Motown Records
The Fantastiks opens Off Broadway, *Camelot* on Broadway
Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* is released
Gunsmoke is the #1 TV show
The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the New York Yankees in the World Series
President Eisenhower signs the Civil Rights Act of 1960
The Presidential Debates are televised for the first time
JKF is elected president

1961

Billboard's #1 Song is *Tossin' And Turnin'* by Bobby Lewis
How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying opens on Broadway
The motion picture version of *West Side Story* wins the Oscar for Best Picture
Wagon Train is the #1 TV show
The Yankees beat the Cincinnati Reds in the World Series
Ray Krock opens the first McDonald's
Four black students are arrested at a "whites only" lunch counter in Greensboro, S.C.
Construction begins on the Berlin Wall
Bay of Pigs is invaded
The Peace Corps is founded
Soviet astronaut Yuri Gagarin is the first man in space

1962

Billboard's #1 Song is *Green Onions* by Booker T & the MGs
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum opens on Broadway
The Manchurian Candidate is released; James Bond makes his film debut in *Dr. No*
The Beverly Hillbillies is the #1 TV show
Johnny Carson becomes the host of *The Tonight Show*
The New York Yankees beat the San Francisco Giants in the World Series
Andy Warhol exhibits his Campbell's Soup Can
Cuban Missile Crisis
Marilyn Monroe is found dead

1963

Billboard's #1 Song is *Surfin' U.S.A.* by the Beach Boys

Oliver! opens on Broadway

Cleopatra starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton is (finally) released

The Beverly Hillbillies is the #1 TV show

The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Yankees in the World Series

Alabama Governor George Wallace delivers his infamous "Segregation Forever" speech

Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his famous "I Have a Dream" speech; 200,000 attend the Washington, D.C. Civil Rights March

Nuclear Ban Treaty is put into effect

JFK is assassinated in Dallas

1964

Billboard's #1 Song is *Bread and Butter* by The Newbeats

Funny Girl, *Hello, Dolly!* and *Fiddler on the Roof* open on Broadway

A Hard Day's Night and the motion picture of *My Fair Lady* are released

Bonanza is the #1 TV show

The St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Yankees in the World Series

The Beatles first arrive in the United States; perform on the Ed Sullivan Show to a viewing audience of 74 million people—the largest audience in the history of television

LBJ signs the Civil Rights Act; public facilities are opened to all

Nelson Mandela is sentenced to life in prison

Martin Luther King, Jr. is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

1965

Billboard's #1 Song is *The Name Game* by Shirley Ellis

Man of La Mancha opens on Broadway

Doctor Zhivago and the movie version of *The Sound of Music* are released

Bonanza is the #1 TV show

The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Minnesota Twins in the World Series

San Francisco writer Michael Fallon coins the term "hippies"

Malcolm X is assassinated

Martin Luther King, Jr. calls for a boycott of Alabama due to the state's appalling discrimination, race riots, and violence

The U.S. invades Vietnam; burning draft cards becomes illegal

1966

Billboard's #1 Song is *I'm a Believer* by The Monkees

Cabaret opens on Broadway

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton is released

Bonanza is the #1 TV show

The Baltimore Orioles beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series

John Lennon tells the press the Beatles are more popular than Jesus

California begins pollution standards for cars

The Black Panther Party is founded

Mass draft protests sweep the country

1967

Billboard's #1 Song is *Little Bit of Soul* by The Music Explosion
The Beatles release *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*
Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* opens on Broadway directed by Mike Nichols
The Tony Awards are broadcast on national television for the first time
The Graduate is released
The Andy Griffith Show is the #1 TV show
The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Boston Red Sox in the World Series
The Kansas City Chiefs lose to the Green Bay Packers in the first Super Bowl
First black to be appointed to Supreme Court is Thurgood Marshall
Gray Line Tours begins offering "hippie tours" of Haight/Ashbury
There are now 448,400 U.S. troops in Vietnam

1968

Billboard's #1 Song is *Tighten Up* by Archie Bell & The Drells
Hair opens on Broadway, *Oh, Calcutta!* Off Broadway
2001: A Space Odyssey is released
Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In is the #1 TV show
60 Minutes premieres with Mike Wallace and Harry Reasoner
The Detroit Tigers beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series
The New York Jets beat the Baltimore Colts in the Super Bowl
Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated
Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated
Nixon is elected President, Spiro Agnew is the new Vice President

1969

Billboard's #1 Song is *Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In* by The 5th Dimension
The Rolling Stones' concert at Altamont breaks out in violence; one man is killed
1776 beats *Hair* for the Best Musical Tony Award
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and *Midnight Cowboy* are released
Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In is the #1 TV show
The New York Mets beat the Baltimore Orioles in the World Series
The Kansas City Chiefs beat the Minnesota Vikings in the Super Bowl
Charles Manson and "Family" are arrested
The Gay Liberation Movement begins
Woodstock happens
Sesame street begins on PBS stations
Neil Armstrong becomes the first man on the moon