

## “WE DIDN’T START THE FIRE”

## A FOUR DECADE

## HISTORY



**SCHOOL YEAR 2009 – 2010**

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## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OF VELVENDO

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1949



Harry Truman

Truman authorised  
the use of Atomic Bombs on Hiroshima  
and Nagashaki, Japan,  
August 6 and August 9 1945



Doris Day

Doris Day, a popular movie star  
and singer



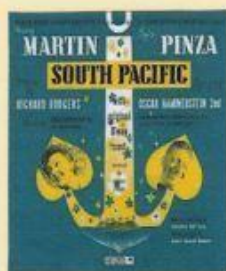
Red China

Communists took control of China  
after they had won the Chinese Civil War and  
established the People's Republic of China.



Johnnie Ray

He was a top star in 1949 and 1950



South Pacific

"South Pacific" was a highly popular  
Broadway musical and hit movie.



Walter Winchell

Walter Winchell was a top gossip reporter,  
whose newspaper column  
and radio show could  
make or break a celebrity.





**Joe Dimaggio**

A popular baseball player for the New York Yankees.

**1950**



**Joe McCarthy**

A Senator known for his brutal interrogations and his anti communist crusade.



**Richard Nixon**

A member of the House of Representatives,  
first elected to the United States Senate.



**Studebaker**

Studebaker, hit the height of its popularity  
in 1950 with its torpedobelt design.



**Television**

It became widespread in the late 1940s and early 1950s  
and it was the most popular means of advertising.



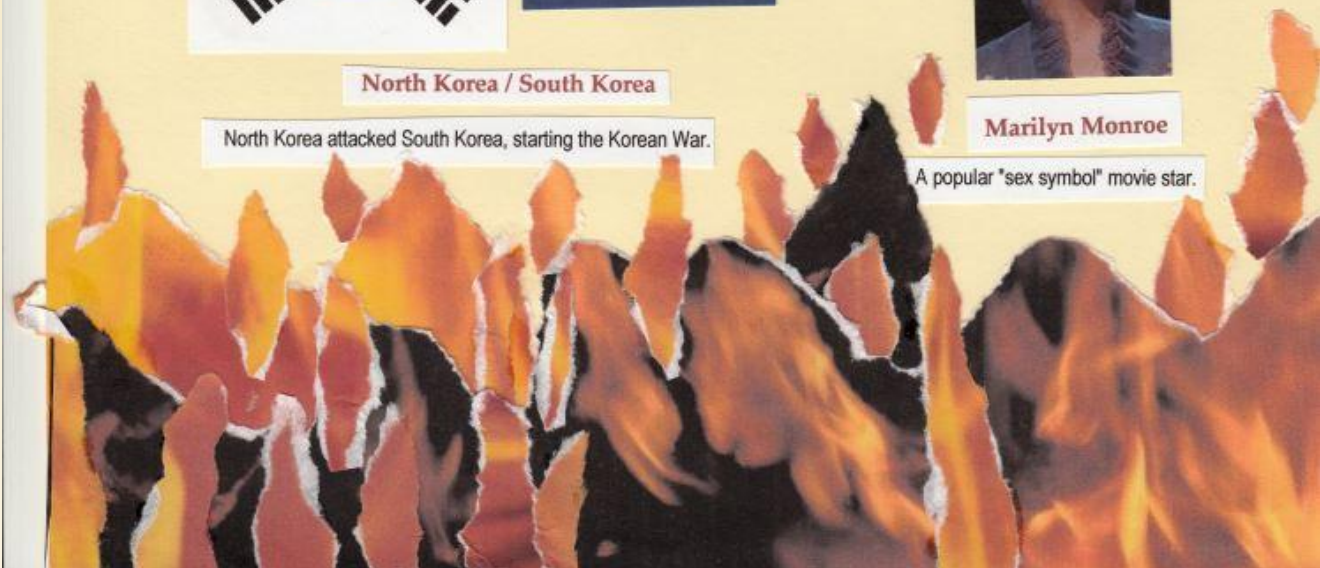
**North Korea / South Korea**

North Korea attacked South Korea, starting the Korean War.



**Marilyn Monroe**

A popular "sex symbol" movie star.



**1951**



**Rosenbergs**

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were convicted and executed for espionage.



**H-bomb**

A multi-megaton-range thermonuclear weapon known as the H-Bomb.



**Sugar Ray**

Sugar Ray Robinson was a middle-weight boxing champion of the world.



**Panmunjom**

A village in Gyeonggi province where negotiations took place and the armistice that halted the Korean War was signed.



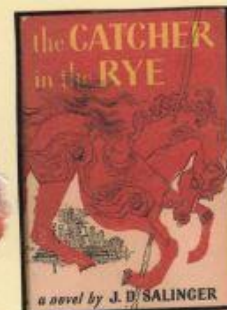
**Brando**

Marlon Brando became a top movie actor nominated for the Academy Award.



**The King and I**

A popular Broadway play.



**The Catcher in the Rye**

A novel by J. D. Salinger was an extremely popular book among teens.



**1952**



**Eisenhower**

General Eisenhower ("Ike") became a popular president of the United States.



**Vaccine**

The vaccine to the disease polio was discovered by Jonas Salk.



**England's got a new Queen**

Queen Elizabeth II succeeded to the throne of the United Kingdom



**Marciano**

Rocky Marciano became the heavyweight boxing champion of the world.



**Liberace**

Liberace was a popular pianist and entertainer.



**Santayana good-bye**

A famous philosopher, essayist, poet and novelist died in 1952.



**1953**



**Joseph Stalin**

The General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union's Central Committee from 1922 until his death in 1953.



**Malenkov**

A Soviet politician, leader, of the USSR (March 1953-February 1955) after Stalin's death.



**Nasser**

The second President of Egypt, considered as one of the most influential Arab leaders in history.



**Prokofiev**

A famous Ukrainian composer died the same day as Stalin.



**Rockefeller**

He established Winrock Enterprises and Winrock Farms. He became Governor of Arkansas in 1966.



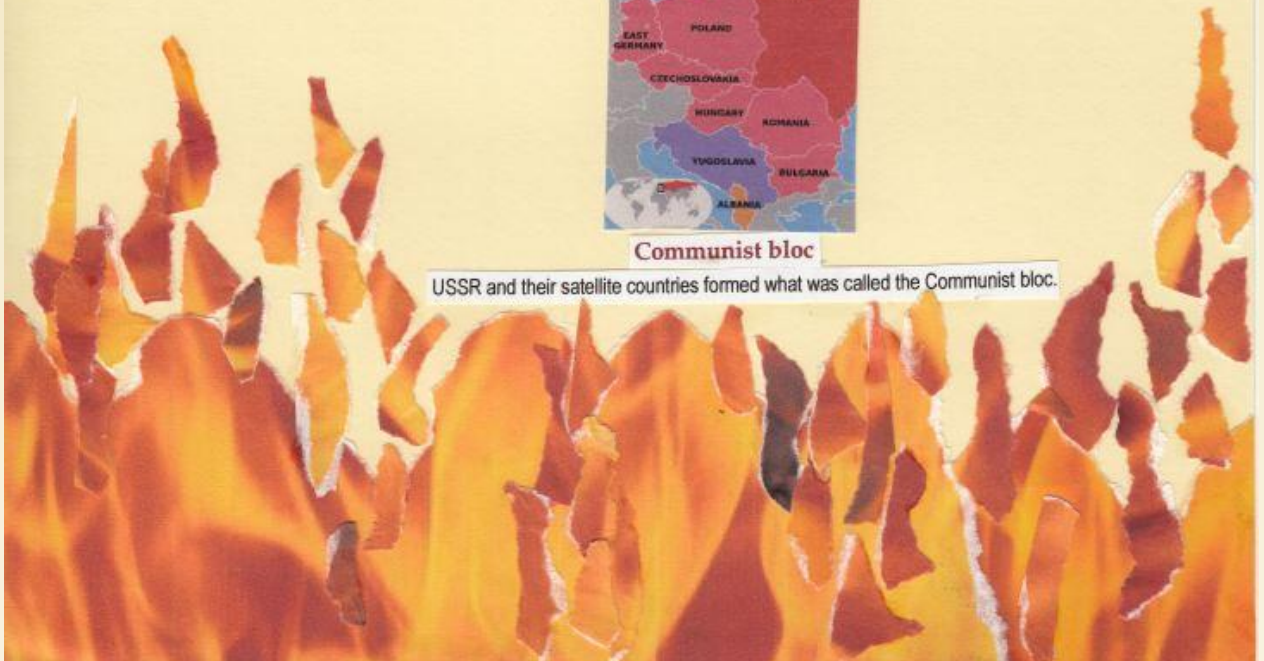
**Campanella**

An African-American all-star catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team.



**Communist bloc**

USSR and their satellite countries formed what was called the Communist bloc.





1954



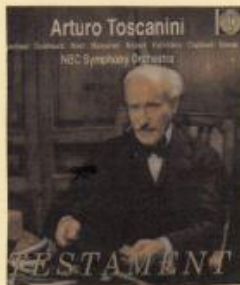
**Roy Cohn**

The advisor to Senator Joseph McCarthy.



**Juan Perón**

A popular leader in Argentina, elected first in 1946 and then again in 1952.



**Toscanini**

A world-famous conductor.



**Dacron**

A new wonder artificial fibre hit the market.



**Dien Bien Phu falls**

A village in North Vietnam falls to Viet Minh Forces leading to the creation of North Vietnam and South Vietnam as separate states.

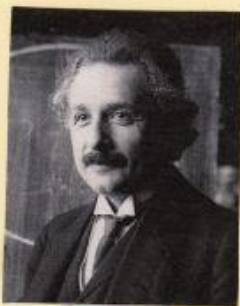


**"Rock Around the Clock"**

The first rock-and-roll hit song.



1955



**Einstein**

Albert Einstein developed the Theory of Relativity in 1903 and was considered one of the world's smartest scientists.



**James Dean**

A movie star, who became a symbol of young people, died in a car accident on September 30.



**Brooklyn's got a winning team**

The Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team won the World Series over the New York Yankees.



**Davy Crockett**

A contemporary tactical nuclear recoilless rifle, for use against Soviet troops.



**Peter Pan**

A top Broadway play broadcasted on TV live and in colour from 1954.



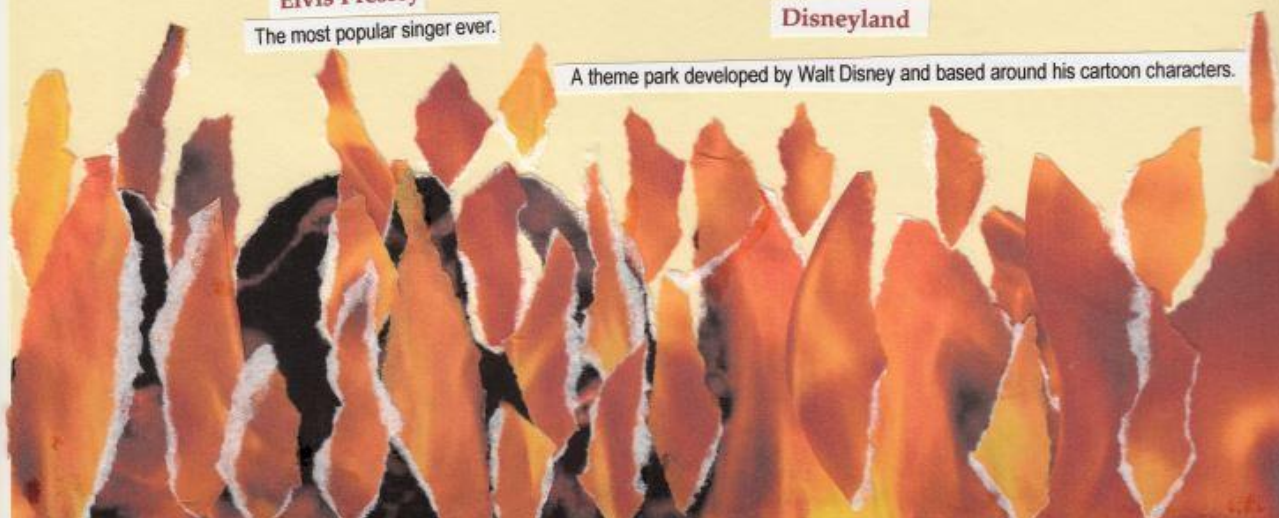
**Elvis Presley**

The most popular singer ever.



**Disneyland**

A theme park developed by Walt Disney and based around his cartoon characters.





1956



**Bardot**

A popular French movie star established an international reputation.



**Budapest**

Anti-communist riots took part in Budapest, Hungary.  
Soviet troops put down the revolt and arrested many Hungarians.



**Alabama**

The site of the Montgomery bus boycott which led to the removal of the last race laws in the U.S.A.



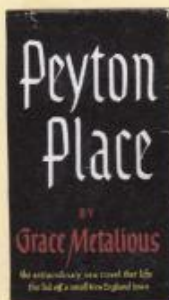
**Khrushchev**

He emerged as the leader of the Soviet Union after the death of Dictator Joseph Stalin.



**Princess Grace**

Actress Grace Kelly released her last film and left Hollywood to marry Prince Rainier of Monaco.



**Peyton Place**

A best-selling novel by Grace Metalious, which shocked the reserved values of the 50s.



**Trouble in the Suez**

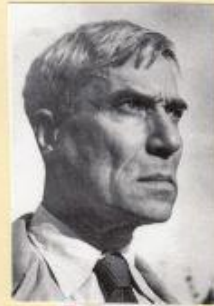
President Nasser nationalized the important Suez Canal.

1957



**Little Rock**

Nine African-American students enrolled at Little Rock Central High School and a crisis followed.



**Pasternak**

A Nobel Prize winner Russian poet and writer.



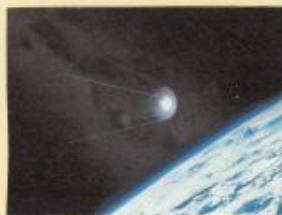
**Mickey Mantle**

A great baseball player for the New York Yankees team.



**Kerouac**

The author of the best-selling book "On the Road",



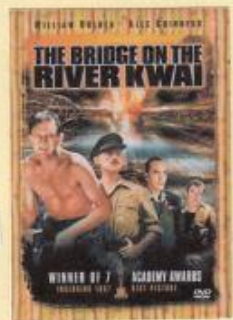
**Sputnik**

Sputnik 1 was the first manmade object to orbit the Earth, launched by the Soviet Union on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1957.



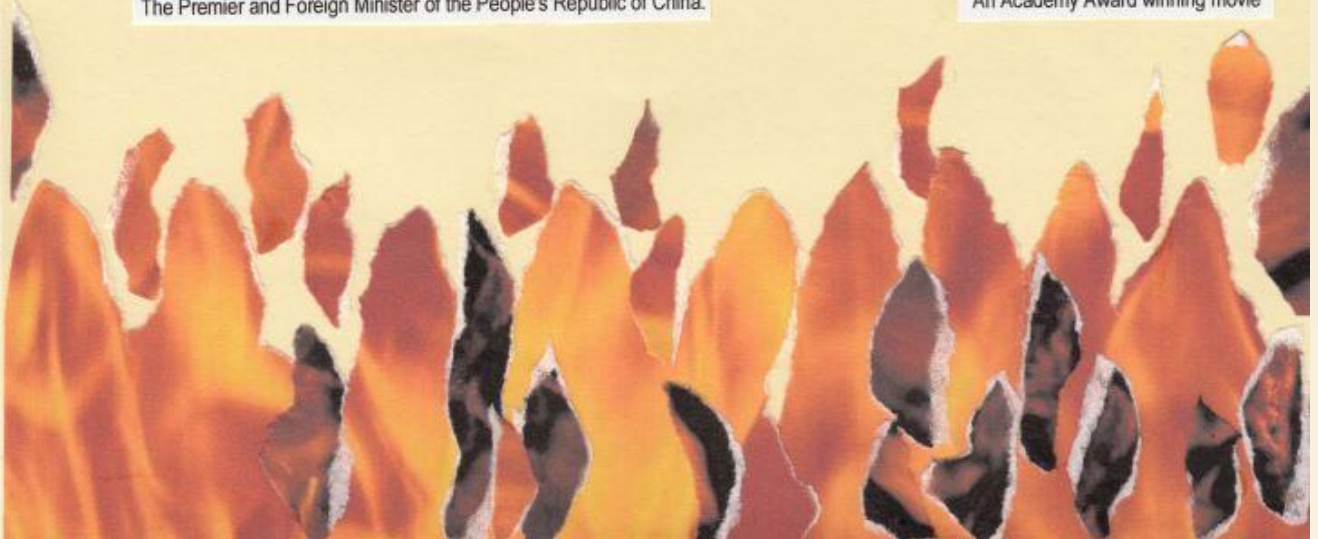
**Chou En-Lai**

The Premier and Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China.



**Bridge on the River Kwai**

An Academy Award winning movie





1958



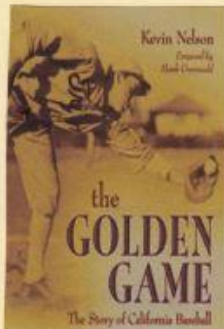
**Lebanon**

U.S. President Eisenhower  
ordered U.S. Marines into Lebanon  
to help stop riots, occurring in the country.



**Charles de Gaulle**

A French General and statesman.



**California baseball**

The Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team moved to Los Angeles.



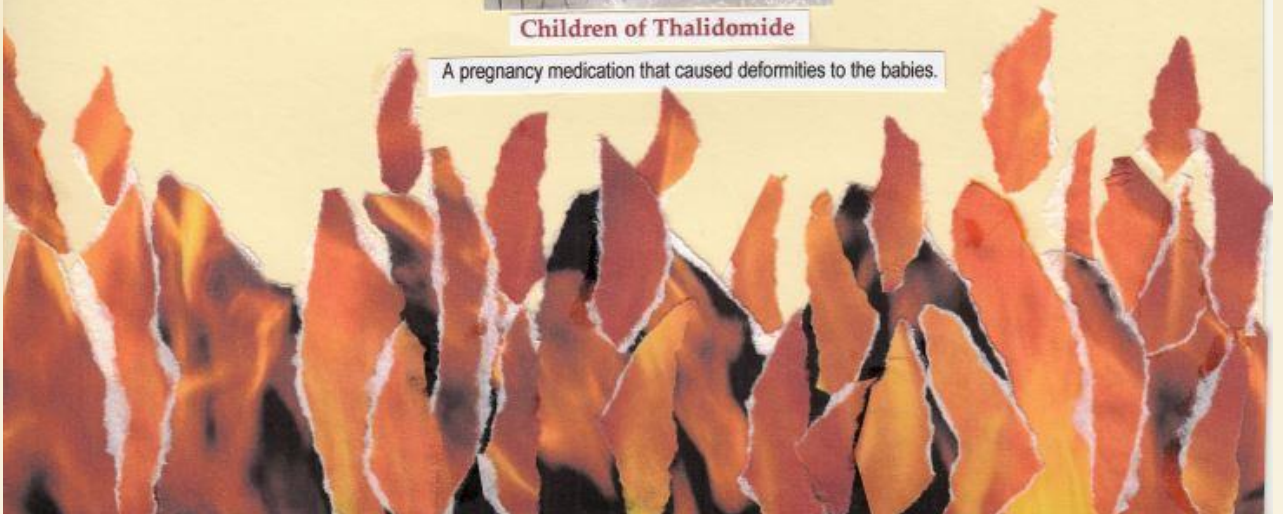
**Starkweather homicide**

A serial killer who committed 15 murders in about 40 days.



**Children of Thalidomide**

A pregnancy medication that caused deformities to the babies.



1959



**Buddy Holly**

An American popular singer and songwriter.



**Ben Hur**

A spectacular 11 Academy Award winning movie.



**Space Monkey**

The first living beings sent to space



**Mafia**

Mafia and its leaders was the centre of attention for the FBI.



**Hula Hoops**

A national fad, which became a craze, peaked and died out quickly.



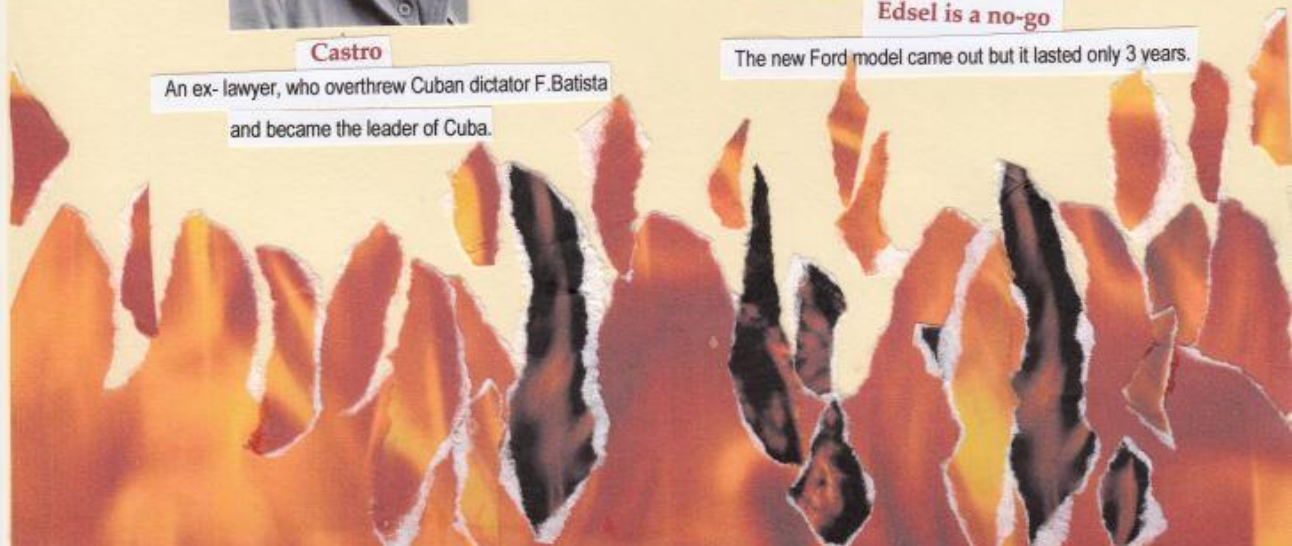
**Castro**

An ex- lawyer, who overthrew Cuban dictator F.Batista and became the leader of Cuba.



**Edsel is a no-go**

The new Ford model came out but it lasted only 3 years.





1960



**U-2**

An American U-2 spy plane was shot down over the Soviet Union, causing the U-2 crisis of 1960.



**Syngman Rhee**

The first President of South Korea was rescued by the CIA after being forced to resign.



**Payola**

Many disk jockeys were exposed for taking bribes to play certain songs on the radio.



**Kennedy**

John F. Kennedy beat Richard Nixon on November 8 general elections and became President of the United States



**Chubby Checker**

A talented singer and dancer.



**Psycho**

A thriller movie directed by Alfred Hitchcock



**Belgians in the Congo**

Congo gained independence from Belgium

1961



**Hemingway**

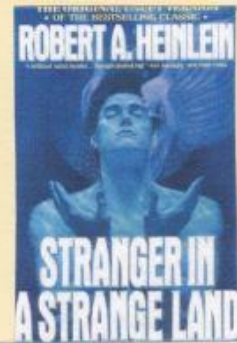
Famous American author

Ernest Hemingway committed suicide.



**Eichmann**

Former Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann was convicted of war crimes and executed.



**Stranger in a Strange Land**

A famous award-winning fictional book  
by Robert A. Heinlein



**Dylan**

Singer Bob Dylan led the folk music craze.



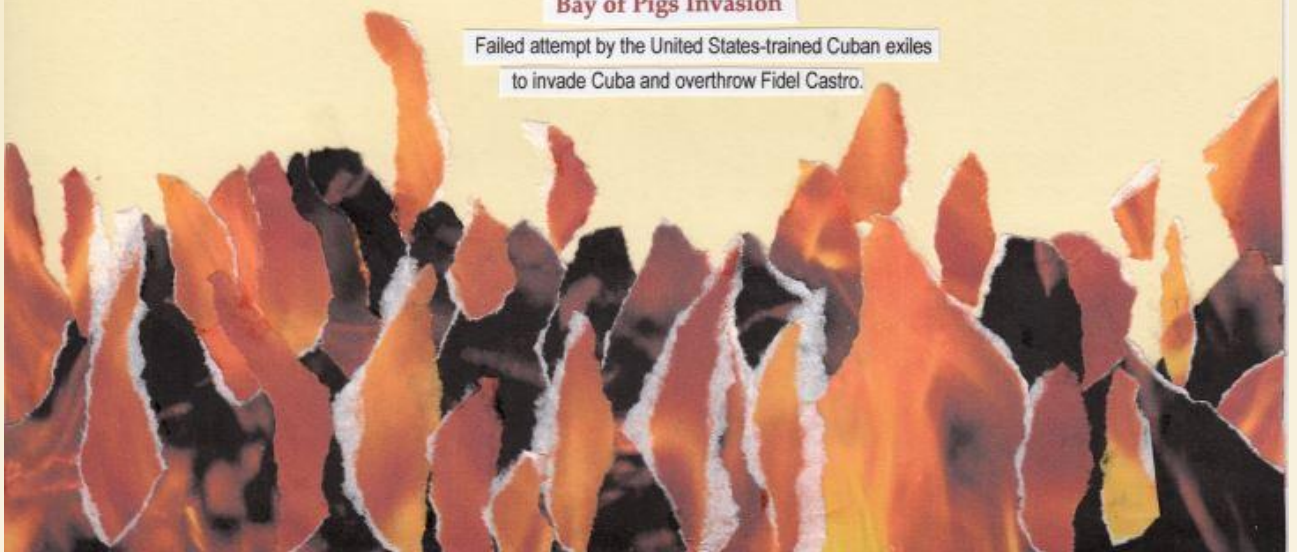
**Berlin**

The Soviets divided Berlin in two sections  
by erecting the Berlin Wall.



**Bay of Pigs Invasion**

Failed attempt by the United States-trained Cuban exiles  
to invade Cuba and overthrow Fidel Castro.





**1962**



**Lawrence of Arabia**

A hit movie that won seven Academy Awards.



**British Beatle mania**

British rock group "The Beatles" took over the music scene, with numerous hit records.



**John Glenn**

John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.



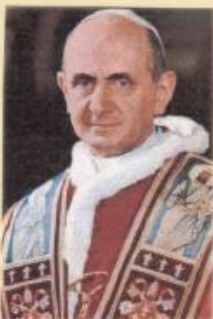
**Ole Miss**

University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) admitted its first black African-American student.



**Liston beats Patterson**

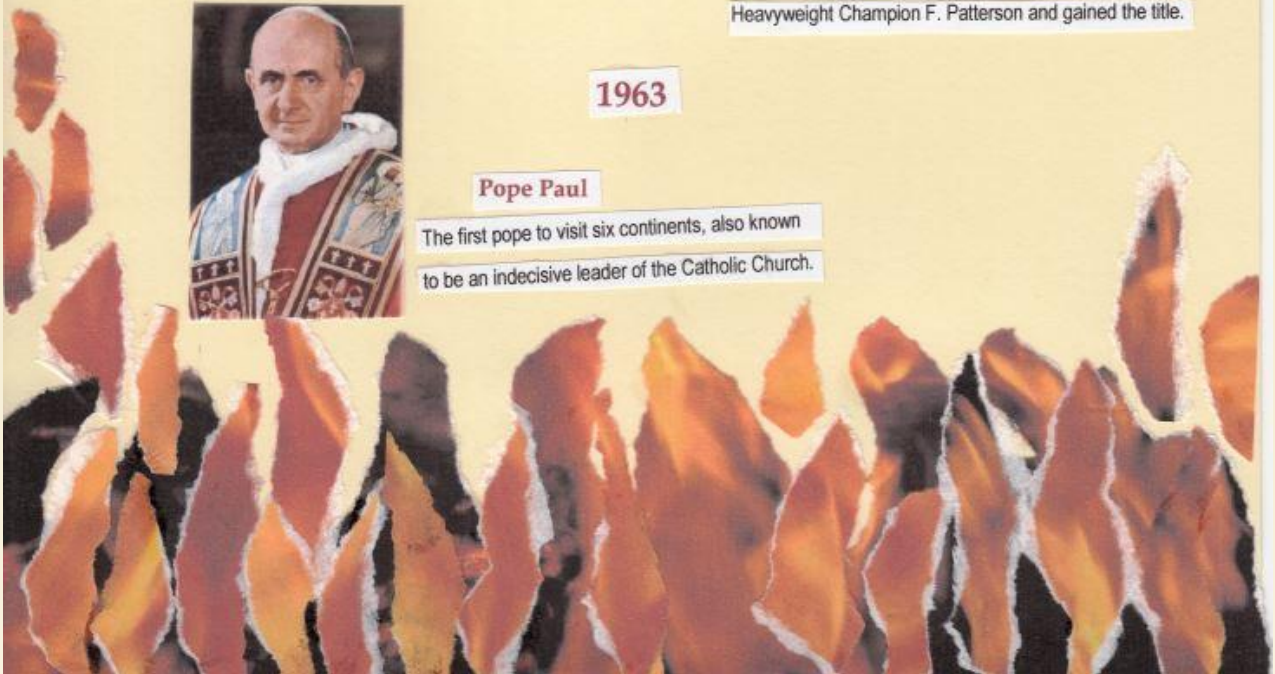
Boxer Sonny Liston defeated Heavyweight Champion F. Patterson and gained the title.



**1963**

**Pope Paul**

The first pope to visit six continents, also known to be an indecisive leader of the Catholic Church.





"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."

—Malcolm X

### Malcolm X

An African-American Muslim minister, public speaker, and human rights activist.



### British politician sex

An affair between the British Secretary of State for War John Profumo with a showgirl named Christine Keeler, which led to his resignation.



### JFK blown away

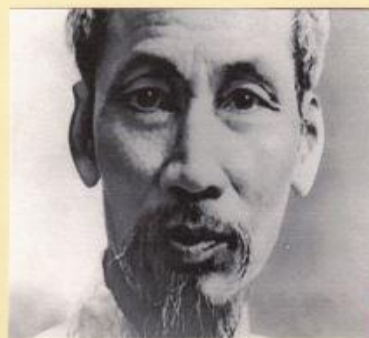
President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22 1963, in Dallas Texas.

## 1965



### Birth control

The birth control pill.



### Ho Chi-Minh

The leader and the Prime Minister of North Vietnam





**1968**



**Richard Nixon back again**

Former Vice President Nixon was elected in the 1968 presidential election of the US.

**1969**



**Moon shot**

The first step on the moon.



**Woodstock**

The biggest rock concert ever held.

**1974**



**Watergate**

A political scandal which led to President Nixon's resignation.



**Punk Rock**

Punk rock, a popular music genre.

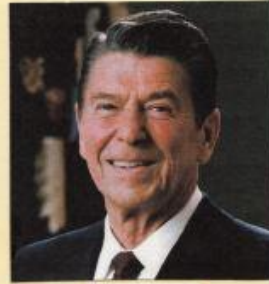
1977



**Begin**

The Prime Minister of Israel Menahem Begin

1976



**Reagan**

A former second-class Hollywood actor first ran for President in 1976 and lost.



**Palestine**

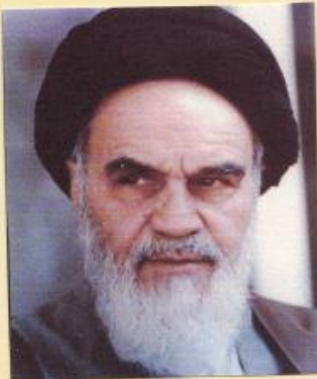
An endless warfare.



**Terror on the airlines**

Numerous airline hijackings took place.

1979



**Ayatollah's in Iran**

Ayatollah Khomeini took over the country and gained power after years in exile.



**Russians in Afghanistan**

Russian invasion in Afghanistan.



1983



**Wheel of Fortune**

America's most favourite TV show.



**Sally Ride**

The first American woman in space.



**Heavy metal suicide**

Heavy Metal bands were accused that their lyrics caused suicides among teens.



**Foreign debts**

Foreign debts, a burden on American taxpayers.



**Homeless Vets**

Many veterans of the Vietnam War became homeless and drug and alcohol addicts..



**AIDS**

AIDS disease started to spread throughout the world, becoming a pandemic.



**Crack**

A highly addictive and very popular drug.

1984



**Bernie Goetz**

Bernie Goetz shot four African-American young men, who he said were threatening him.

1988



**Hypodermics on the shore**

Medical waste illegally dumped at sea was found washed up on the New Jersey shoreline.

1989



**China's Under Martial Law**

A massacre in the name of Law and Order.



**Rock and Roller Cola Wars**

Pepsi and Coke battle for supremacy in the marketplace

