

The Birth of Rock and Roll

Led by Chuck Berry, Bill Haley and the Comets, and Elvis Presley, rock and roll emerged as a defined musical style in America in the 1950s.



The Age of Television
Though invented decades earlier, television reaches mainstream America in the 1950s.



JFK

Elected in 1960 as the 35th President of the U.S., John F. Kennedy helps develop the space program, works to improve civil rights, starts the Peace Corps, and resolves the Cuban Missile Crisis.



The Civil Rights Movement

The civil rights movement gains momentum in the 1960s, led in large part by Martin Luther King, Jr., who teaches nonviolent civil disobedience.



The First Moon Landing

On July 20, 1969, the first manned landing on Earth's Moon is achieved as part of the Apollo 11 mission when Neil Armstrong, accompanied by Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, land the lunar module Eagle on the surface of the Moon.



The Gas Crisis

The 1973 oil crisis begins when members of OPEC announce that they will no longer ship oil to nations that have supported Israel in its conflict with Syria, Egypt, and Iraq. Lines at gas stations are long and many gas stations run out of fuel.



Watergate

Watergate, a political scandal during the presidency of Richard Nixon, results in the indictment of several of Nixon's closest advisors. It ultimately ends with his resignation on August 9, 1974.

Reagan Elected

Ronald Wilson Reagan becomes the 40th President of the U.S. in 1981. As President, Reagan implements bold new political and economic policies — dubbed "Reaganomics."



First Woman Astronaut

Sally Ride becomes the first American woman to fly in space when she flies aboard a space shuttle. She flies on several missions, accumulating 343 hours in space.

Nelson Mandela Freed

Nelson Mandela, an anti-apartheid activist and leader of the African National Congress, spends 27 years in prison on convictions for crimes committed while spearheading the struggle against apartheid. He becomes a symbol of freedom and equality. Following his release from prison in 1990, he receives more than 100 awards, most notably the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. He also serves as President of South Africa.



Sheep Cloned

A sheep named Dolly is the first animal to be cloned from an adult somatic cell, using the process of nuclear transfer. She is born on July 5, 1996, and lives until the age of six.



The Iraq War

The Iraq War is an ongoing military campaign which began on March 20, 2003, with the United States-led invasion of Iraq by a multinational coalition. Prior to the war, U.S. officials argue that Iraq's possession and pursuit of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) pose an imminent threat to security.

1950

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1950

- Girl Scout films are made available for television, and special spot films are produced. Councils in 35 of the 52 cities where television exists make use of television facilities.
- Warner Brothers, working in cooperation with GSUSA, produces *Women of Tomorrow*, a twenty-minute Technicolor short, which tells the story of Girl Scouting from Brownie to Senior Girl Scout. It is expected to reach an audience of 50 million people.
- The American Printing House for the Blind prints the revised Girl Scout handbook in Braille.
- Throughout the 1950s, the Girl Scouts work to desegregate all troops. In 1956, Martin Luther King, Jr., described the Girl Scouts as "a force for desegregation."

1954

- Total membership is over 1.5 million.
- Girl Scouts fill small drawing bags (Kits for Korea) with toiletry articles and sewing supplies to be shipped overseas by American Relief for Korea. President Dwight D. Eisenhower hails Girl Scouts for its Kits for Korea project and for providing Girl Scouting to girls everywhere.

1957

- Total membership is over 3 million.

1958

- Girl Scouts USA is the first national youth agency to use educational television to promote the Girl Scout program nationally.



1963

- Girl Scouts are divided into four age groups:
 - Brownie Girl Scouts, ages 7-9
 - Junior Girl Scouts, ages 9-11
 - Cadette Girl Scouts, ages 12-14
 - Senior Girl Scouts, ages 14-17

1964

- The Girl Scout National Board of Directors allocates special funds for extension of membership in urban special areas.
- The first *Reader's Digest* foundation grants are provided for Senior Girl Scout troops to undertake community service projects.

1965

- The Senior Girl Scout Handbook is published in Spanish by the Agency for International Development. This book is distributed to Spanish-speaking Girl Guide associations in Central and South America.

1967

- *Girl Scouting Makes the Difference*, a national conference of Senior Girl Scouts focusing on Girl Scouting in the inner city, is held at Marion College in Indianapolis, IN.

1968

- Campus Girl Scouts, comprised of young women college students is officially recognized.
- Senior Girl Scouts speakout conferences are held across the country to discuss prejudice and explore the ways to eliminate it. Girl Scouts and other teenage girls attend the conference.

1970

- A conference on Scouting for Black Girls is held in Atlanta, GA. 150 Senior Girl Scouts and adults attend to explore ways to make Girl Scouting more meaningful. Their recommendations include broadening recruitment and training efforts, assuring that the program is flexible and relates to the needs of underserved groups.

- A National Conference is held to explore more ways to extend membership opportunities to more Mexican American girls.

- Girl Scouts plan activities that will benefit the environment, resulting in Eco-Nation, a nationwide environmental education and improvement program. Some projects include cleaning rivers, building parks and trails, and planting trees and shrubs.



1975

- Girl Scouts members elect Glorla D. Scott as the first African American National Girl Scout President.
- Girl Scouts help Vietnamese refugee children adapt to their new homes in America.



1987

- Membership rises nearly 5% among girls who are African-American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and/or American Indian. Girls from these population groups rise to 14.9% of total girl membership — a record.

1990

- *Focus on Ability: Serving Girls with Special Needs* is published. Directed toward troop leaders, the book presents ways to help girls with disabilities participate in Girl Scouts.

- Girl Scout membership reaches 2,480,270. For the first time in two decades, all five age levels show increases in membership.

- Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, the first and only mother-daughter prison visitation program, is formed.

- Today there are approximately 3.7 million Girl Scouts — 2.7 million girl members and 928,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers.

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