

It was the year most of us were born.....1955 Brief recap of events

March 2 A 15 year old African American girl refuses to give up her seat in Montgomery, AL.

 She becomes a plaintiff in Browder vs Gayle (1956) ruling bus segregation
 unconstitutional

March 5 Elvis Presley TV debut

March 7 Broadway musical "Peter Pan" televised

April 5 Winston Churchill resigns at age 80

April 12 Salk polio vaccine approved by the FDA

May 5 West Germany becomes a sovereign country

May 9 Jim Henson introduces the earliest version of Kermit the Frog

June 16 "Lady and the Tramp" released to theaters

July 17 Disneyland opens in California and the first nuclear energy power sold

August 27 First Edition of Guinness Book of Records released

August 28 Emmett Till, 14 years old is lynched and shot in the head. His murderers will be
 acquitted.

September 30 James Dean killed in car crash

October 2 Alfred Hitchcock Presents premiers

October 3 Mickey Mouse Club premiers

November 1 Official start date of the Vietnam War

December 1 Rosa Parks arrested leading to the Montgomery bus boycott

December 14 Tappan Zee bridge opens

Kindergarten Year 1960-1961

September 5 Cassius Clay wins the Olympic Gold Medal in boxing

November 8 JFK elected as President

January 3 Dwight Eisenhower severs relations with Cuba

January 31 First US chimpanzee in space

February 1 First ICBM tested

March 1 Peace Corps established

March 11 "Ken" doll debuts

April 17-19 Bay of Pigs

May 5 Alan Shepard in space

Third Grade 1963-1964

November 22 JFK assassinated

November 24 Lee Harvey Oswald shot on live TV.

LBJ confirms US intends to continue supporting South Vietnam both
militarily and economically

November 25 JFK funeral and schools cancelled

Dates unknown: Smiley face invented by Harvey Bell

Marvel comics releases The Avengers

January 11 Surgeon General Luther Terry announces cigarette smoking may be hazardous
to your health

February 9 The Beatles are on The Ed Sullivan Show

March 6 Cassius Clay becomes Mohammed Ali

March 27 Great Alaska Earthquake

April 13 Sidney Poitier wins the Best Actor Oscar for "Lilies of the Field"

April 22 New York World's Fair opens celebrating the 300th anniversary of New Amsterdam
being taken over by British Forces under the Duke of York (later King James II) and
renamed New York in 1664

May 1 BASIC (Beginners All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code) first run

May 2 First major student demonstration against the Vietnam War in NYC

June 12 Nelson Mandela and 7 others sentenced to life imprisonment at Robben Island

June 21 First full day of Freedom Summer. Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner abducted and
murdered by the KKK

Sixth Grade 1966-1967

September 8 Star Trek premiers

September 16 The Metropolitan Opera House opens at Lincoln Center

October Bobby Seale and Huey Newton found the Black Panthers

October 6 LSD made illegal

November 8 Ronald Reagan elected Governor of California

December 26 First Kwanzaa celebrated

January 14 Human Be-In at Golden Gate Park setting the stage for the Summer of Love

January 27 Apollo I fire killing Grisham, White and Chafee

February 10 25th Amendment ratified

March 14 Nine executives of German Pharmaceutical company Grunenthal are charged
with breaking laws because of thalidomide

April 14-15 Large nationwide anti-Vietnam demonstrations

April 27 Expo '67 opens in Montreal

April 28 Mohammed Ali refuses military service

June 5 Six Day War in the Middle East

June 16 Monterey Pop Festival

Ninth Grade 1969-1970

September 2 First US ATM

September 5 Calley charged with six counts of pre-meditated murder for the 1968

My Lai Massacre in which 109 persons were slaughtered

September 22 Willie Mays hits his 600th home run to tie Babe Ruth

September 24 Trial for the Chicago 8 begins

September 26 First episode of The Brady Bunch airs

October 5 First episode of Monty Python's Flying Circus airs on BBC I

October 15 Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam

November 9 Alcatraz seized by Oakes and American Indians resulting in a 19 month

occupation

December 1 Vietnam Draft Lottery begins

December 4 Black Panther members Fred Hampton and Mark Clark are shot dead in their

sleep by Chicago Police

March 15 Expo '70 opens in Japan

April 11 Apollo 13 launches

May 4 Kent State shootings....four dead in Ohio

Two devastating earthquakes-one in China on January 5 killed between 10,000 and 14,621 and the other in Peru on May 31 killed between 66,794 and 70,000

Senior Year 1972-1973

September 1 Bobby Fischer defeats Boris Spassky in chess

September 5-6 Munich massacre in which 11 Israeli athletes were murdered in the
Olympic Village

September 12 Maude premiers

September 17 MASH premiers on TV

September 23 Ferdinand Marcos declares martial law in The Philippines

October 25 First female FBI agents hired

November 7 Richard Nixon defeats George McGovern for President

November 29 Pong released by Atari

December 7 Apollo 17, the last manned mission to the Moon launches and returns on
December 19

January 22 George Forman defeats Joe Frazier

January 27 Paris Peace Accord signed ending US involvement in Vietnam

May 8 71 day standoff at Wounded Knee ends

May 14 Skylab launched

Watergate begins

Secretariat wins the Triple Crown