

The 1960's USA at a glance



1960

- Civil Rights Act of 1960 is signed by Eisenhower
- Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho is released
- The Presidential Debates are televised for the first time
- JFK is elected president

1961

- Four black students are arrested at a 'whites only' lunch counter in Greensboro, S.C.
- Construction begins on the Berlin Wall
- Bays of Pigs invasion
- The Peace Corps is founded
- Soviet astronaut Yuri Gagarin is the first man in space

1962

- Andy Warhol exhibits his Campbell's Soup Can
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Marilyn Monroe is found dead

1963

- 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 1963 Washington, D.C. Civil Rights March
- Nuclear Ban Treaty is put into effect
- JFK is assassinated in Dallas

1964

- The Beatles arrive in the United States; they 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

- The U.S. invade Vietnam
- 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
- San Francisco writer Michael Fallon coins the term 'hippies'
- Burning draft cards becomes illegal

1966

- The Black Panther Party is founded
- Mass draft protests sweep the country
- John Lennon tells the press the Beatles are more popular than Jesus

1967

- The Kansas City Chiefs lose to the Green Bay Packers in the first Super Bowl
- Three U.S. astronauts are killed during a simulated launch
- Gray Line Tours begins offering 'hippie tours' of Haight-Ashbury
- The Beatles release Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
- There are now 448,400 US troops in Vietnam

1968

- Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated
- Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated
- Nixon is elected President, Spiro Agnew is the new Vice President

1969

- Charles Manson and 'Family' arrested
- Neil Armstrong becomes the first man on the moon
- Woodstock
- The beginning of the Gay Liberation Movement
- The Rolling Stones' concert at Altamont breaks out in violence; one man is killed

