

The World During Our High School Years

1963



World Events

- World Population: 3.205 billion
- France and West Germany sign treaty of cooperation ending four centuries of conflict (Jan. 22).
- Pope John XXIII dies (June 3), and is succeeded June 21 by Cardinal Montini, who becomes Paul VI.
- British Secretary of War John Profumo resigns in the wake of an affair with Christine Keeler, a teenage showgirl who was also involved with the Soviet naval attaché (June).
- Washington-to-Moscow "hot line" communications link opens, designed to reduce risk of accidental war (Aug. 30).
- Kenya achieves independence.
- There are 15,000 US military advisers in South Vietnam.
- 32 independent African nations establish the Organization for African Unity.
- Nobel Prizes Awarded
 - Peace Prize: Intl. Comm. of Red Cross; League of Red Cross Societies (both Geneva)
 - Literature: Giorgios Seferis (Seferiades) (Greece)
 - Chemistry: Carl Ziegler (Germany) and Giulio Natta (Italy), for work in uniting simple hydrocarbons into large molecule substances
 - Physics: Eugene Paul Wigner, Maria Goeppert Mayer (both US), and J. Hans D. Jensen (Germany), for research on structure of atom and its nucleus
 - Physiology or Medicine: Alan Lloyd Hodgkin, Andrew Fielding Huxley (both UK), and Sir John Carew Eccles (Australia), for research on nerve cells

U.S. Events

President: John F. Kennedy, Vice President: Lyndon B. Johnson

US Population: 189,241,798

Life expectancy: 69.9 years

Homicide Rate (per 100,000): 4.9

Federal budget: \$111.32 billion; Federal debt: \$310.3 billion

Unemployment: 5.5%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.04 (\$0.05 as of 1/7/63)

- Michael E. De Bakey implants artificial heart in human for first time at Houston hospital (April 21).
- US Supreme Court rules no locality may require recitation of Lord's Prayer or Bible verses in public schools (June 17).
- "March on Washington," civil rights rally held by 200,000 blacks and whites in Washington, D.C.; Martin Luther King delivers "I have a dream" speech (Aug. 28).
- President Kennedy shot and killed in Dallas, Tex. Lyndon B. Johnson becomes President same day (Nov. 22). Lee Harvey Oswald, accused Kennedy assassin, is shot and killed by Jack Ruby (Nov. 24).
- The US Post Office began using ZIP codes
- First Pushbutton telephone sold in U.S.

Science Events:

- Quasars are discovered by Marten Schmidt (US).
- The first liver transplant is performed by F.D. Moore and T.E. Starzl. Background: Health & Nutrition
- The first commercial nuclear reactor goes online at the Jersey Central Power Company. Background: nuclear energy
- The sedative Valium (chlordiazepoxide) is developed by Roche labs.
- The Dutch company Philips invented the compact cassette.

1963 Sports

- World Series: LA Dodgers d. NY Yankees (4-0)
- NBA Championship: Boston d. LA Lakers (4-2)
- Stanley Cup: Toronto d. Detroit (4-1)
- Wimbledon: Women: Margaret Smith d. B.J. Moffitt (6-3 6-4); Men: Chuck McKinley d. F. Stolle (9-7 6-1 6-4)
- Kentucky Derby Champion: Chateaugay
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Loyola-IL d. Cincinnati (60-58 OT)
- NCAA Football Champions: Texas (11-0-0)

1963 Entertainment

Academy Awards (movies)

- **Best Picture:** "TOM JONES". (Others nominees: "America, America", "Cleopatra", "How the West Was Won", "Lilies of the Field".)
- **Best Actor:** SIDNEY POITIER in "Lilies of the Field" (Others nominees: Albert Finney in "Tom Jones", Richard Harris in "This Sporting Life", Rex Harrison in "Cleopatra", Paul Newman in "Hud".)
- **Best Actress:** PATRICIA NEAL in "Hud". (Others nominees: Leslie Caron in "The L-Shaped Room", Shirley MacLaine in "Irma La Douce", Rachel Roberts in "This Sporting Life", Natalie Wood in "Love with the Proper Stranger".)
- **Best Supporting Actor:** MELVYN DOUGLAS in "Hud". (Others nominees: Nick Adams in "Twilight of Honor", Bobby Darin in "Captain Newman, M.D.", Hugh Griffith in "Tom Jones", John Huston in "The Cardinal".)
- **Best Supporting Actress:** MARGARET RUTHERFORD in "The V.I.P.'s". (Others nominees: Diane Cilento in "Tom Jones", Edith Evans in "Tom Jones", Joyce Redman in "Tom Jones", Lilia Skala in "Lilies of the Field".)
- **Best Director:** TONY RICHARDSON for "Tom Jones". (Others nominees: Federico Fellini for "8 1/2", Elia Kazan for "America, America", Otto Preminger for "The Cardinal", Martin Ritt for "Hud".)

Television: Emmy Awards

- Best Program, Drama: The Defenders (CBS)
- Best Program, Comedy: The Dick Van Dyke Show (CBS)
- Best Program, Variety: The Andy Williams Show (NBC)
- Best Lead Actor in a Series (Comedy or Drama): E.G. Marshall, *The Defenders*
- Best Lead Actress in a Series (Comedy or Drama): Shirley Booth, *Hazel*
- Best Performance in Variety Series: Carol Burnett, *Julie and Carol at Carnegie Hall*
- Program of the Year: The Tunnel (NBC)
- Best News Program: Huntley-Brinkley Report (NBC)

Top Ten US Television Shows for 1963:

1. Beverly Hillbillies
2. Candid Camera
3. The Red Skelton Show
4. Bonanza
5. The Lucy Show
6. The Andy Griffith Show
7. Ben Casey
8. The Danny Thomas Show
9. The Dick Van Dyke Show
10. Gunsmoke

Tony Awards (theater)

- Best Play: *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*
- Best Musical: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*
- Best Actor, Drama: Arthur Hill, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*
- Best Actress, Drama: Uta Hagen, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*
- Best Actor, Musical or Comedy: Zero Mostel, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*
- Best Actress, Musical or Comedy: Vivien Leigh, *Tovarich*
- Choreographer: Bob Fosse, *Little Me*

Grammy Awards

- Record of the Year: "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," Tony Bennett
- Album of the Year: *The First Family*, Vaughn Meader (Cadence)
- Song of the Year: "What Kind of Fool Am I," Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, songwriters

Entertainment Events

- Viewers tuned into NBC witness Jack Ruby shoot Lee Harvey Oswald on camera – the first live telecast of a murder.
- Beatlemania hits the U.K. The Beatles, a British band composed of John Lennon, George Harrison, Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney, take Britain by storm.
- The Rolling Stones emerge as the anti-Beatles, with an aggressive, blues-derived style.
- The French Chef with Julia Child debuts on educational television.
- **Miss America:** Jacquelyn Mayer (Ohio)

Best Selling Books

1. James Baldwin, *The Fire Next Time*
2. e e cummings, *73 Poems*
3. Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique*
4. Sylvia Plath, *The Bell Jar*
5. Thomas Pynchon, *V*
6. John Rechy, *City of Night*
7. Charles M. Schulz, *Happiness is a Warm Puppy*
8. John Updike, *The Centaur*
9. Kurt Vonnegut, *Cat's Cradle*

Pulitzer Prizes

- Fiction: *The Reivers*, William Faulkner
- Music: *Piano Concerto No. 1*, Samuel Barber

Notable Deaths

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy 11/22/1963
- W.E.B. Du Bois (Labor)
- Robert Frost (Literature)
- Aldous Huxley (Literature)
- Rogers Hornsby (Baseball)