

The World During Our High School Years

1966



World Events:

Population: 3.415 billion

- France withdraws its forces from NATO. President De Gaulle visits the USSR (June 20).
- Sukarno leaves office in Indonesia; Suharto assumes power.
- Botswana, Lesotho, and Guyana become independent states within the British Commonwealth.
- India suffers the worst famine in 20 years; Lyndon Johnson asks for \$1 billion in aid to the country.

U.S. Events

President: Lyndon B. Johnson; Vice President: Hubert H. Humphrey

Population: 196,560,338

Life expectancy: 70.2 years

Homicide Rate (per 100,000): 5.9

Federal spending: \$134.53 billion; Federal debt: \$328.5 billion

Unemployment: 4.5%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.05

- Medicare begins (July 1).
- Supreme Court decides *Miranda v. Arizona*, protecting rights of the accused.
- Stokeley Carmichael elected president of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Nobel Prizes Awarded:

- Chemistry: Robert Sanderson Mulliken (US), for research on bond holding atoms together in molecule
- Physics: Alfred Kastler (France), for work on energy levels inside atom
- Physiology or Medicine: Charles Brenton Huggins (US), for studies in hormone treatment of cancer of prostate; Francis Peyton Rous (US), for discovery of tumor-producing viruses
- Literature: Shmuel Yosef Agnon (Israel) and Nelly Sachs (Sweden)

Science Events:

- Insulin is first synthesized in China. Background: Health & Nutrition
- MIT biochemist Har Khorana finishes deciphering the DNA code. Background: genetic engineering
- The Food and Drug Administration declares "the Pill" safe for human use. Background: Birth & Contraception
- The re-closable cereal box was patented.
- The hand-held pocket calculator was invented at Texas Instruments (not in widespread use until it became affordable about 1973.)

Sports News:

- World Series: Baltimore d. LA Dodgers (4-0)
- NBA Championship: Boston d. LA Lakers (4-3)
- Stanley Cup: Montreal d. Detroit (4-2)
- Wimbledon: Women: Billie Jean King d. M. Bueno (6-3 3-6 6-1); Men: Manuel Santana d. D. Ralston (6-4 11-9 6-4)
- Kentucky Derby Champion: Kauai King
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Texas Western d. Kentucky (72-65)
- NCAA Football Champions: Notre Dame (AP, UPI, FW, NFF-tie) (9-0-1) & Michigan St. (NFF-tie) (9-0-1)
- World Cup: England d. W. Germany (4-2)
- First Super Bowl between NFL and new AFL scheduled for January, 1967 in Los Angeles Coliseum

Entertainment News:

- The first Star Trek episode, "The Man Trap," is broadcast on September 8. The plot concerns a creature that sucks salt from human bodies.
- CBS backs out of plans to broadcast Psycho, deeming the movie too violent for at-home viewing.
- The old Metropolitan Opera House is abandoned as the company moves to Lincoln Center. The new Metropolitan Opera opens with Samuel Barber's Antony and Cleopatra.

Academy Awards (movies):

Best Picture: "A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS" (Other nominees: "Alfie", "The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming", "The Sand Pebbles", "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?")

Best Actor: PAUL SCOFIELD in "A Man for All Seasons" (Other nominees: Alan Arkin in "The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming", Richard Burton in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", Michael Caine in "Alfie", Steve McQueen in "The Sand Pebbles")

Best Actress: ELIZABETH TAYLOR in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" (Other nominees: Anouk Aimee in "A Man and a Woman", Ida Kaminska in "The Shop on Main Street", Lynn Redgrave in "Georgy Girl", Vanessa Redgrave in "Morgan!")

Best Supporting Actor: WALTER MATTHAU in "The Fortune Cookie" (Other nominees: Mako in "The Sand Pebbles", James Mason in "Georgy Girl", George Segal in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", Robert Shaw in "A Man for All Seasons")

Best Supporting Actress: SANDY DENNIS in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" (Other nominees: Wendy Hiller in "A Man for All Seasons", Jocelyn Lagarde in "Hawaii", Vivien Merchant in "Alfie", Geraldine Page in "You're a Big Boy Now")

Best Director: FRED ZINNEMANN for "A Man for All Seasons", (Other nominees: Michelangelo Antonioni for "Blow-up", Richard Brooks for "The Professionals", Claude Lelouch for "A Man and a Woman", Mike Nichols for "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?")

Television: Emmy Awards

Outstanding Dramatic Series: The Fugitive (ABC)

Best Actor, Dramatic Series: Bill Cosby, I Spy

Best Actress, Dramatic Series: Barbara Stanwyck, The Big Valley

Best Actor, Supporting Role, Drama: James Daly, Hallmark Hall of Fame: Eagle in a Cage

Best Actress, Supporting Role, Drama: Lee Grant, Peyton Place

Outstanding Comedy Series: The Dick Van Dyke Show (CBS)

Best Actor, Comedy Series: Dick Van Dyke, The Dick Van Dyke Show

Best Actress, Comedy Series: Mary Tyler Moore, The Dick Van Dyke Show

Best Actor, Supporting Role, Comedy: Don Knotts, The Andy Griffith Show: "The Return of Barney Fife"

Best Actress, Supporting Role, Comedy: Alice Pearce, Bewitched

Outstanding Variety Series: The Andy Williams Show (NBC)

Outstanding Variety Special: Bob Hope Christmas Special (NBC)

Outstanding Musical Program: Frank Sinatra, A Man and His Music (NBC)

Best News Documentary: CBS Reports: KKK — The Invisible Empire (CBS)

Best Sports Program: ABC Wide World of Sports (ABC)

Outstanding Children's Program: A Charlie Brown Christmas (CBS)

Top Ten US Television Shows for 1966

1. Bonanza
2. Gomer Pyle USMC
3. The Lucy Show
4. The Red Skelton Hour
5. Batman
6. The Andy Griffith Show
7. Bewitched
8. Beverly Hillbillies
9. Hogan's Heroes
10. Batman

Tony Awards (theater)

Best Play: Marat/Sade

Best Actor, Play: Hal Holbrook, Mark Twain Tonight!

Best Actress, Play: Rosemary Harris, The Lion in Winter

Best Supporting Actor, Play: Patrick Magee, Marat/Sade

Best Supporting Actress, Play: Zoe Caldwell, Slapstick Tragedy

Best Musical: Man of La Mancha

Best Actor, Musical: Richard Kiley, Man of La Mancha

Best Actress, Musical: Angela Lansbury, Mame

Best Supporting Actor, Musical: Frankie Michaels, Mame

Best Supporting Actress, Musical: Beatrice Arthur, Mame

Best Choreographer: Bob Fosse, Sweet Charity

Special Award: Helen Menken (posthumous)

Grammy Awards (music)

- Record of the Year: "A Taste of Honey," Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass
- Album of the Year: September of My Years, Frank Sinatra (Reprise)
- Song of the Year: "The Shadow of Your Smile" (Love Theme From The Sandpiper), Paul Francis Webster and Johnny Mandel, songwriters

Miss America: Deborah Irene Bryant (KS)

Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction: Collected Stories of Katherine Anne Porter, Katherine Anne Porter

Music: Variations for Orchestra, Leslie Bassett

Best Selling Books

- John Barth, Giles Goat-Boy
- Paul Bowles, Up Above the World
- Truman Capote, In Cold Blood
- Robert Coover, The Origin of the Brunists
- Bernard Malamud, The Fixer
- Thomas Pynchon, The Crying of Lot 49

Notable Deaths

- Montgomery Clift (actor)
- Walt Disney (entertainment entrepreneur)

