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1956	Elvis Presley releases his first hit		

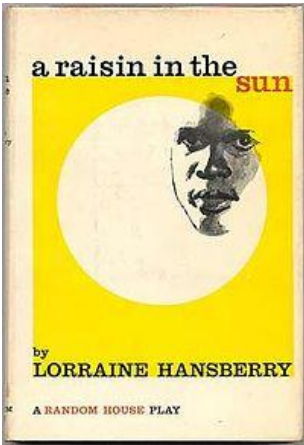
Elvis is the second [studio album](#) by [Elvis Presley](#), released on [RCA Victor](#) in [mono](#), LPM 1382, in October 1956. It spent four weeks at #1 on the [Billboard Top Pop Albums](#) chart that year, making Presley the first recording artist to have two albums go straight to number one in the same year. In 1956, the first rock and roll album ever to make it to the top of the charts, and logically the first million-selling album of that type. It was ranked number 56 on [Rolling Stone](#) magazine's list of [the 500 greatest albums of all time](#). The following are some songs releases by Elvis in 1956. Heartbreak Hotel released in January 27, 1956, I want you, I need you, I love you released in May 12, 1956 and Love me tender released October 6, 1956.

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1957	Asian Flu pandemic		

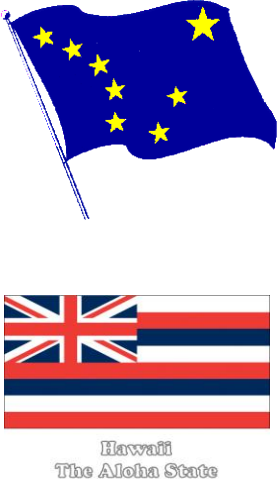
It is said the Asian flu of 1957 claimed numerous lives world wide. This flu was also called the Asian flu pandemic of 1957. This pandemic was first identified in East Asia and then spread to other countries. It was the second major influenza pandemic to occur in the 20th century. This flu outbreak caused at least one million to two million deaths worldwide. In the first months of the 1957 Asian flu pandemic, the virus spread throughout China and surrounding regions. By midsummer it had reached the United States, where it appears to have initially infected relatively few people.

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1958 Feb 7	7 members on Manchester United football team die in an air crash		http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=f5am1-oKfww

In the year 1958, a British-European-Airways flight had just taken off from the Munich Airport when it crashed. Twenty-three people died in the crash, including eight players from the Manchester United soccer team, which had just qualified for the semifinals of the European Cup. The team was returning from Belgrade, where they had played a team by the name of Red Star. The name of their coach was Busby Babes. Munich had just had a snowstorm and conditions were not ideal for flying. Pilot James Thain had to abort his first two attempts at take-off because of engine trouble. On the third attempt, just after 3 p.m., the plane was unable to get enough lift and crashed into a fence at the end of the runway. It then plowed into an empty house. Twenty-two of the 43 people on board died in the crash. Seven players were among the dead and an eighth, Duncan Edwards, died from his injuries two weeks later, bringing the total death toll to 23.


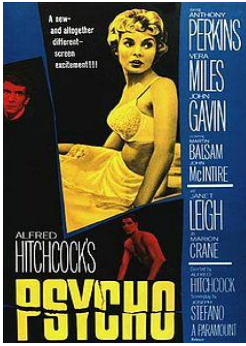
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1959 3/11	"Raisin in the Sun," 1st Broadway play by a black woman, opens		

Raisin in the Sun, the first Broadway play by a black woman, opened on March 11, 1959. This play was written by Lorraine Hansberry and premiered on March 11, 1959. The show opened at the Barrymore Theater with Sidney Poitier and Claudia McNeil in the starring roles. The play ran for 530 performances and received the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award. The setting on this was the South Side of Chicago. The story is based upon a black family's experiences in the [Washington Park Subdivision](#) of [Chicago's Woodlawn](#) neighborhood.


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1959	Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th states of the USA	 <p>The image shows two flags. The top flag is the 48-star American flag, which was in use from 1942 to 1959. The bottom flag is the flag of the state of Hawaii, which features a Union Jack in the canton and eight horizontal stripes of red, white, and blue. Below the Hawaii flag is the text "Hawaii The Aloha State".</p>	

Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th states of the USA only after world war two. ALASKA was a Russian colony from 1744 until the USA bought it in 1867 for \$7,200,000. It was made a state in 1959. On January 3, 1959, President Eisenhower signed the official declaration which made Alaska the 49th state. The new American flag featured seven rows of seven stars each.

Hawaii was a kingdom until 1893 and became a republic in 1894. It then ceded (give up) itself to the USA in 1898 and became a state in 1959. Hawaii rapidly became important as a base for the American Navy, and the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan in December 1941 led to entry into World War II. Post-war, Hawaii finally became the 50th State in 1959.

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1960	1960 Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho Released	 	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VP5jEAP3K4&feature=player_detailpage

On June 16, 1960, Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho was released. Psycho is a 1960 American suspense/horror film directed by Alfred Hitchcock and starring Anthony Perkins. This film is now considered one of Hitchcock's best films. It is ranked among the greatest films of all time. It was directed and produce by Alfred himself. This film was about a Phoenix secretary who steals \$40,000 from her employer's client. Seeing the opportunity to take the money and start a new life, Marion leaves town goes on the run and checks into a remote motel run by a young man by the name of Norman Bates who was under the domination of his mother.

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1960 Sept 26	Kennedy-Nixon First Presidential Debate, 1960		http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=gbrcRKqLSRw

On September 26, 1960 in Chicago the first Presidential debate was held between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy. The **United States presidential election of 1960** was the 44th [presidential election](#), held on Tuesday, November 8, 1960. The [Republican Party](#) nominated [Vice-President Richard Nixon](#), while the [Democratic Party](#) nominated [John F. Kennedy](#), [Senator](#) from Massachusetts. John F. Kennedy, a democratic and his home state was Massachusetts. Richard Nixon was a republican and his home state was California. It is said that, that night about 70 million Americans watched as Nixon and Kennedy met on stage. This was history in the making. They both had eight minute openings statements and in addition reporters who questioned them.