



THE BEATLES

BAND MEMBERS

Starting in 1957, John Lennon and several of his friends played in a British band called the Quarrymen. Over the next few years, the members of the band changed, and by 1960, the band was called The Beatles.



The four principle members were...

John Lennon born on 9th October 1940. He played the rhythm guitar.

Paul McCartney born on 18th June 1942. He played the bass guitar.

Ringo Starr (real name Richard Starkey) born on 7th July 1940. He played the lead guitar.

George Harrison born on 25th February 1943. He played the drums.

The Beatles were an English rock band, started in Liverpool, England in 1960.

Brian Epstein was their manager.

HISTORY OF THE BEATLES

In 1960, The Beatles perform at the Cavern Club in Liverpool where Brian Epstein watches them and becomes their manager.

The Beatles recorded many of their songs and albums at Abbey Road Studios in London.

They did not have their first hit until 1962. In February 1963 their song, "Please Please Me", reached the number 1 position on the British charts.

In 1964, The Beatles took their first trip to the United States of America where they were met by thousands of screaming fans.

They were named the most influential artists of all time by Rolling Stone magazine, because their music, clothing style, and attitudes shaped much of what was popular among young people in the 1960s.

The Beatles became so popular that no regular concert venue was big enough for their audiences. This led them to play the first ever stadium rock concern to around 50,000 people.

In 1966, they stopped playing live music. They were sick of audiences screaming so loudly that their music could not be heard.

In 1970, The Beatles broke up and all four members recorded solo albums.

In 1980, John Lennon was shot and killed outside his apartment building in New York City.





KEY FACTS

- The Beatles released 13 albums worldwide.
- The Beatles released 22 singles worldwide.
- The Beatles had 17 number one singles.
- The Beatles also made 5 films.



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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. How many films did the Beatles make?
2. Which member of the band was shot in New York City?
3. Where did The Beatles record most of their music?
4. What was The Beatles first Number 1 single called in 1963?
5. How many number one singles did the band have?
6. Who became the manager of The Beatles in 1960?
7. In what year did The Beatles first visit the United States of America?
8. In what year did the band stop playing live music?
9. How many albums did The Beatles release worldwide?
10. In what year was John Lennon born?