

Timeline

	1950s	1960s
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Post WWII Baby Boom dramatically increased the birthrate •Unemployment at an all time low •Wages were high •Suburbs emerged •Cold War •Joseph McCarthy era (Blacklisting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Wal-Mart store opens •First troops sent to Vietnam •The microprocessor is invented making possible the computer revolution •The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is founded •Telestar, the 1st communication satellite launched carrying TV, television, and high speed data signals •Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start and Job Corp programs implemented
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Color TV introduced •TV remote control invented •Dr. Seuss publishes <i>The Cat in the Hat</i> •Soviet satellite Sputnik launches the Space Age •Japanese electronics company, TTK (Sony) introduces the first transistor radio •First juke box plays 45RPM records introduced •RCA introduces the first stereo long-playing record •American Bandstand first aired on TV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First televised Presidential debate •Lasers invented •Martin Luther King makes his speech, "I Have a Dream" •President John F. Kennedy assassinated •U.S. Civil Rights Act passed •Martin Luther King assassinated •Robert F. Kennedy assassinated •First man in space-Yuri Gargarin of the Soviet Union •Alan Shepard first American in space and first to orbit the earth three times •Neil Armstrong becomes the first man on the moon •<i>Star Trek</i> TV series airs •<i>Sesame Street</i> first airs
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Elvis Presley became the 1st Rock Star •Sam Phillips founds Sun Records •Disc Jockey Alan Freed coins the term Rock and Roll •The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences present the 1st Grammy •Barry Gordy, Jr. founds Motown Records •Chordettes and Chantels were the first girl groups •Stax Records found to promote Black music •Rick Hall founds Fame Studio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Woodstock music festival •Beatles released their first album •Ray Charles has his first #1 hit •Stax recording company produces Soul records •Supremes first recording released •James Brown "Godfather of Soul" is #1 on the R & B charts •Loretta Lynn was the most popular Female country singer •Aretha Franklin recorded her 1st disk at Fame Recording Studio