

The BEATLES

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Liverpool



- January 1960 – Stu Sutcliffe, a friend of John's at Liverpool College of Art, is asked to join the group as bass guitarist. The band changes its name to Silver Beetles, then Silver Beatles.
- August 1960 – Drummer Pete Best joins group, now known as simply the Beatles. He accompanies the band to Hamburg where, over five visits between now and December 1962, the group hones its sound at the Indra, Kaiserkeller, Top Ten and Star clubs.
- December 27, 1960 – Having returned to Liverpool the Beatles appear on this date at a local public hall, Litherland Town Hall, prompting fan frenzy. Their popularity secure, they work the North West of Britain steadily to committed followers for the next two years.



- November 1961 – The Beatles meet Brian Epstein, who becomes their manager. They start to polish their image and seek a recording contract.
- June 6, 1962 – The Beatles audition for George Martin, a producer at EMI. He signs them, and becomes their producer throughout the Beatles' career.
- August 18, 1962 – Ringo joins the band.
- October 5, 1962 – The Beatles' first single, «Love Me Do» is released in the United Kingdom. It rises to a respectable 17 on the British charts.

- October 1963 – Beatlemania spreads through Europe. (This is the month biographers and Beatles scholars often point to as the start of the Beatles' phenomenal popularity).
- January 20, 1964 – The album, «Meet the Beatles!» is released by Capitol Records in the U.S. On February 15 it hits number one on Billboard's chart in America, where it remains for 11 weeks.
- February 7, 1964 – The Beatles land at JFK Airport in New York. The British Invasion begins. Fans surround the Plaza Hotel, where the Beatles are staying.
- February 11, 1964 – The Beatles give their first live performance in the U.S. at the Washington Coliseum in Washington, D.C.

MEET THE BEATLES!

The First Album by England's Phenomenal Pop Combo



HIGH FIDELITY



- February 12, 1964 – The Beatles perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City.
- July 6, 1964 – «A Hard Day's Night» premieres in London. It cost \$500,000. The film is well-received by critics and the public.
- June 12, 1965 – The Beatles are named Members of the British Empire by the Queen, and in October they are presented with medals at Buckingham Palace.
- July 29, 1965 – The Beatles second feature film, «Help!» opens in London. It opens in the U.S. on August 11 that year. It cost \$1.5 million to make and was very successful.



- August 29, 1966 – The Beatles give their last live concert, in San Francisco, California.
- January 30, 1969 – The Beatles perform together for the last time live, singing many songs, on the roof of Apple's London office. The scenes were included in what became the documentary «Let It Be».
- September 26, 1969 – The Beatles last studio album, «Abbey Road», is released in the U.K. It tops the charts there and in America.
- May 20, 1970 – The movie, «Let It Be», premieres in London. None of the Beatles attend.



- The Beatles were the most famous pop and rock group of the 1960s.
- Their music was popular not only in Britain, but all over the world.

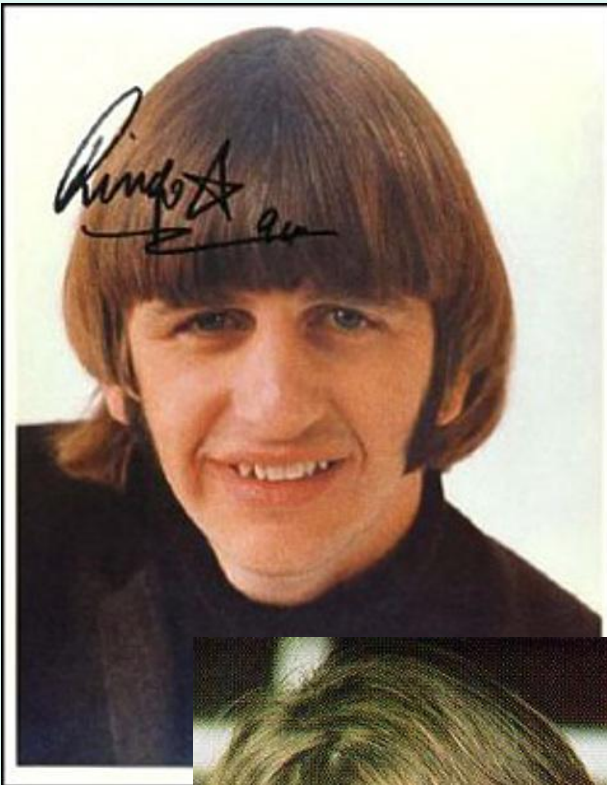


Members of the band were

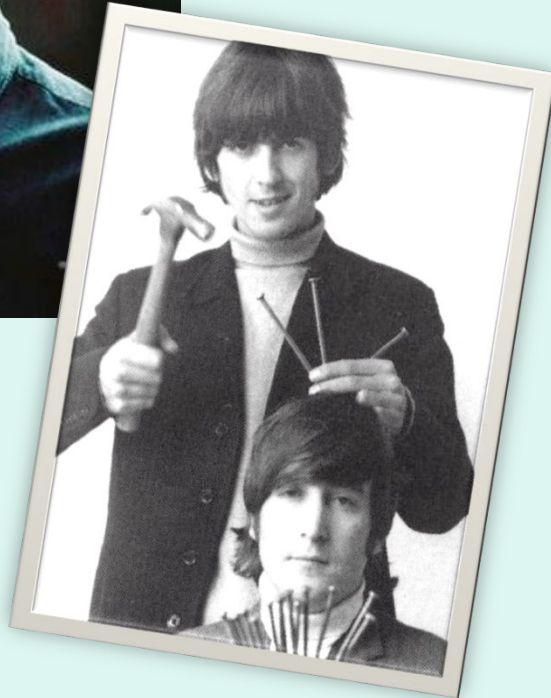
- John Lennon



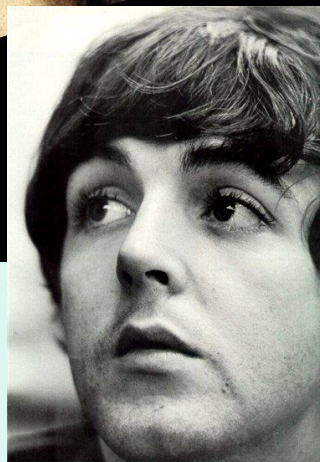
Ringo Starr



George Harrison



Paul McCartney

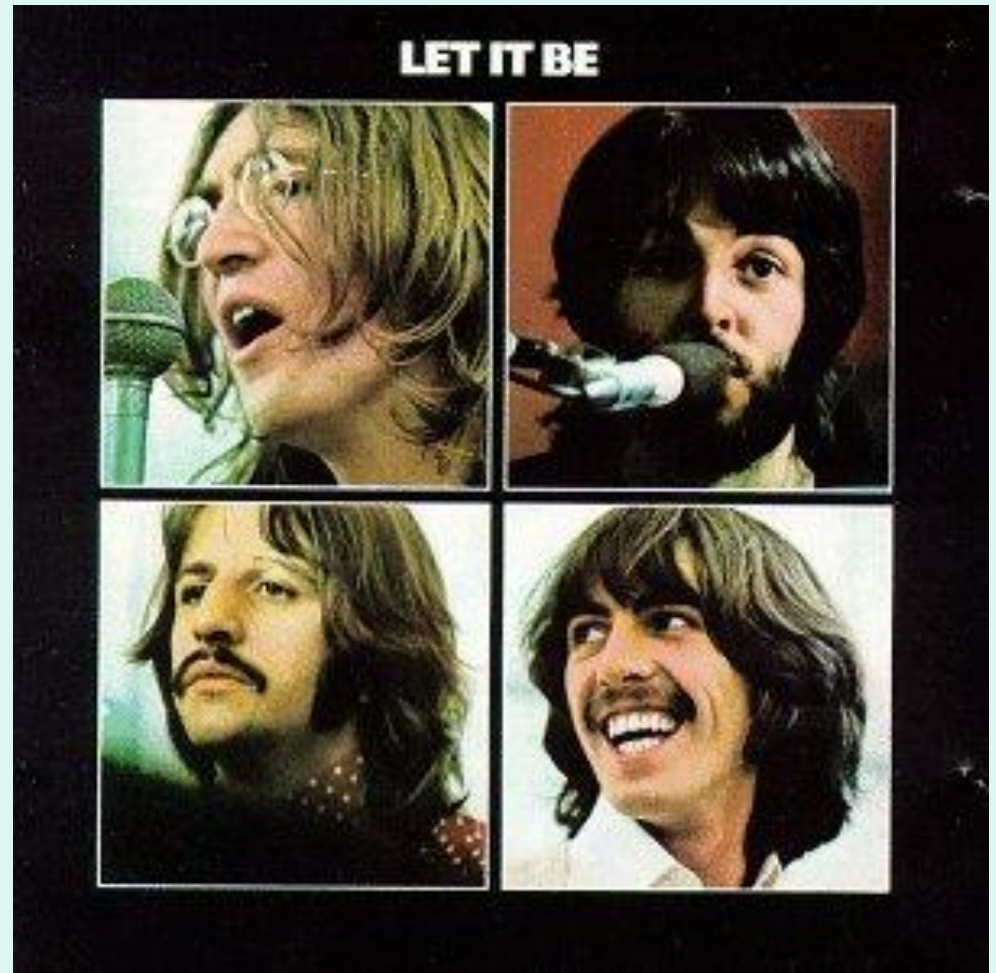


They were working-class boys from
Liverpool



Some well-known songs by The Beatles are

- “Yesterday”
- “All you need is love”
- “Yellow submarine”
- “Let it be”



- John Lennon learnt to play harmonica at the age of 12 but he wanted to be a millionaire not a musician.

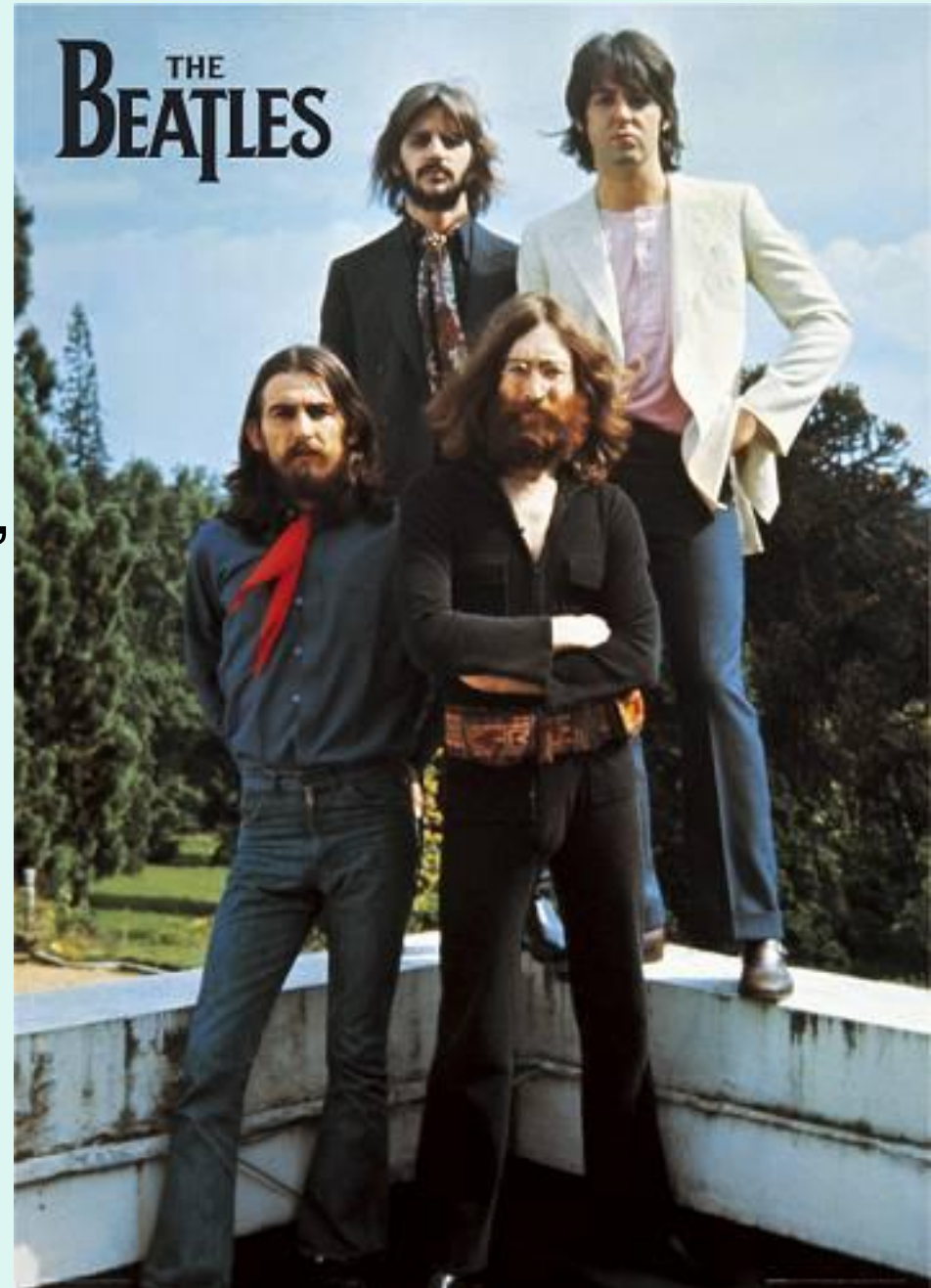


- He met Paul McCartney in 1955 and they started the Beatles in 1960.

The band broke up in 1970. After that all the members established solo projects.



- John Lennon was shot in New York outside his house on the 8th of December in 1980.
- George Harrison died on 29th of November in 2001, at the age of 58.



Answer the questions:

1. When did Lennon and McCartney start the Beatles?
2. What was the last year of the Beatles career?
3. How many people did the band consist of?
4. When did John die?
5. Were the Beatles the most famous pop or rock group of 1960s?

Now let's sing!