

Questions re. 'We Didn't Start the Fire'

Questions related to (some of the) people, places, objects, and events mentioned in the 1989 Billy Joel song.

Harry Truman, Doris Day, Red China, Johnnie Ray
South Pacific, Walter Winchell, Joe DiMaggio
Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon, Studebaker, Television
North Korea, South Korea, Marilyn Monroe

1. In 1948, Harry S Truman was re-elected as the 33rd President of the United States. What was notable about the Chicago Tribune front page story covering the event?

Rosenbergs, H-Bomb, Sugar Ray, Panmunjom
Brando, The King And I, and **The Catcher In The Rye**,
Eisenhower, Vaccine, England's got a new queen
Marciano, Liberace, Santayana goodbye

2. What object is illustrated on the cover of the 1951 first edition of *The Catcher in the Rye*?

Joseph Stalin, Malenkov, Nasser and Prokofiev
Rockefeller, Campanella, Communist Bloc
Roy Cohn, Juan Peron, Toscanini, Dacron
Dien Bien Phu Falls, **"Rock Around the Clock"**

3. 'Rock Around the Clock' became a chart hit in 1955 for which band?

Einstein, James Dean, Brooklyn's got a winning team
Davy Crockett, Peter Pan, Elvis Presley, Disneyland
Bardot, Budapest, **Alabama**, Khrushchev
Princess Grace, Peyton Place, Trouble in the Suez

4. What incident, which took place in Alabama on 1 December 1955, led to increased prominence for the Civil Rights movement in the United States?

Little Rock, Pasternak, Mickey Mantle, Kerouac
Sputnik, Zhou En-lai, Bridge On The River Kwai,
Lebanon, Charles de Gaulle, California baseball
Starkweather Homicide, **Children of Thalidomide**

5. In 1958 Thalidomide caused as many as 7,000 children to be born with malformed limbs. What was the drug's intended purpose?

Buddy Holly, Ben-Hur, Space Monkey, Mafia
Hula Hoops, Castro, Edsel is a no-go
U-2, Syngman Rhee, payola and Kennedy
Chubby Checker, **Psycho**, Belgians in the Congo

6. Which frequent collaborator composed the music for Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 masterpiece *Psycho*?

Hemingway, Eichmann, Stranger in a Strange Land,
Dylan, Berlin, Bay of Pigs invasion
Lawrence of Arabia, British Beatlemania
Ole Miss, John Glenn, Liston beats Patterson

7. Ernest Hemingway committed suicide by gunshot on 2 July 1961. What was the title of the Pulitzer Prize-winning short novel that represents his last significant published work?

Pope Paul, Malcolm X, British Politician sex
J.F.K. blown away, what else do I have to say?

8. The assassination of President John F Kennedy took place at 12:30pm on 22 November 1963. Alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald – who was later charged with killing Kennedy – was originally arrested for which other crime, committed approximately 45 minutes after Kennedy was shot?

Birth control, Ho Chi Minh, Richard Nixon back again
Moonshot, **Woodstock**, Watergate, punk rock
Begin, Reagan, Palestine, Terror on the airline
Ayatollah's in Iran, Russians in Afghanistan

9. The 1969 Woodstock music festival took place on a dairy farm in which US state?

Wheel of Fortune, Sally Ride, heavy metal suicide
Foreign debts, homeless Vets, **AIDS**, crack, Bernie Goetz
Hypodermics on the shores, China's under martial law
Rock and Roller cola wars, I can't take it anymore

10. In 1983 the retrovirus HIV was discovered to be the cause of AIDS. What does AIDS stand for?