

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

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? **A: They called it the wrong way: 'Dewey Beats Truman'**
2. What object is illustrated on the cover of the 1951 first edition of *The Catcher in the Rye*?  
**A: A carousel / merry-go-round (horse)**
3. 'Rock Around the Clock' became a chart hit in 1955 for which band? **A: Bill Haley & His Comets**
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? **A: Rosa Parks's refusal to give up her bus seat for a white passenger / the start of the Montgomery Bus Boycott**
5. In 1958 Thalidomide caused as many as 7,000 children to be born with malformed limbs. What was the drug's intended purpose? **A: To prevent morning sickness**
6. Which frequent collaborator composed the music for Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 masterpiece *Psycho*? **A: Bernard Herrmann**
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? **A: The Old Man and the Sea**
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? **A: The murder of a police officer: J D Tippit**
9. The 1969 Woodstock music festival took place on a dairy farm in which US state? **A: New York**
10. In 1983 the retrovirus HIV was discovered to be the cause of AIDS. What does AIDS stand for? **A: Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome**