



1956



TOP NEWS of 1956

WORLD NEWS of the YEAR 1956

- British, French and Israeli troops move on Suez Canal.
- Hungarian Revolution begins and up-rising quelled by Soviets.
- Prince Rainier of Monaco marries film actress Grace Kelly.
- John Lennon & Paul McCartney meet for the 1st time as rock group The Quarrymen perform at a church dinner.
- In North Africa, Morocco wins its independence from French colonial rule.
- Fidel Castro lands on the Eastern coast of Cuba, launching a revolution against the Batista regime.
- Moscow normalizes relations with Japan.
- The U.S. explodes the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll
- Japan launches the world's largest oil tanker; 780 feet long, weighing 84,730 tons.
- Suez Crisis begins.
- Khrushchev denounces Stalin
- The first transatlantic telephone cable goes into operation.
- In Melbourne Australia, the XVIth Summer Olympic Games open.

NATIONAL NEWS of the YEAR 1956

- Supreme Court ruling outlaws racial segregation in intrastate public transportation.
- Dwight Eisenhower is re-elected President, defeating Democrat Adlai Stevenson for the second time.
- Martin Luther King organizes a boycott of Montgomery, Alabama public busses.
- In Boston, the Brinks robbery gang is brought to justice.
- Congress authorizes private atomic energy plants.
- Thomas Watson, founder of IBM, passed away.
- The Federal Interstate Highway System act signed.
- Velcro was invented.
- T.V. Remote Control invented.
- A Super Constellation and a DC-7, which had left L.A. three minutes apart, collided and crashed into the Grand Canyon, killing 130.
- The Ampex Corporation demonstrates the first commercial videotape recorder.
- Many school districts in the south defied the Supreme Court ruling that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. Many schools were closed down when federal funding was cut off for non-compliance.
- The United States Army gets an official flag
- The U.S. steel strike starts affecting the nation; rail lines are forced to lay off 30,000.
- In L.A. two commuter trains derail, killing 30 people and injuring another 140.
- In Ohio, the Columbus Zoo reports first gorilla born in captivity
- Elvis Presley skyrocketed to fame with "Heartbreak Hotel", "Don't Be Cruel", "Hound Dog" And "Love Me Tender". Presley's appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show brought TV its highest viewer numbers to date.
- Actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainer II of Monaco, renouncing her U.S. citizenship to take the title of Princess.
 - The Coasters sign with Atlantic Records.
- NBC-TV gave tonight host Steve Allen his first of many prime-time variety shows.
 - The top-grossing film was "The Ten Commandments", starring Charlton Heston
- "My Fair Lady" began its seven-year run on Broadway.
 - The United States Post Office installs electric stamp sellers.

INTERESTING FACTS OF 1956

President of the United States:	Dwight D. Eisenhower
Vice President:	Richard Nixon
Speaker of the House of Representatives:	Sam Rayburn (D)
Pulitzer Prize Winner:	MacKinlay Kantor for Andersonville
Nobel Peace Prize Winner:	No Nobel Prize Awarded in 1956
Miss America:	Sharon Ritchie (CO)
Life Expectancy:	69.6 Years
Marilyn Monroe marries Author/Playwright Arthur Miller	
Elvis Presley's "Don't Be Cruel" & "Hound Dog" both go #1, each stay at the top of the charts for a record 11 weeks.	

SPORTS WINNERS of 1956

• World Series Champion	New York Yankees
• U.S. Open Golf	Cary Middlecoff
• Pro Football Champion	New York Giants
• Indianapolis 500 Winner	Pat Flaherty-128A90 MPH
• Stanley Cup Winner	Montreal Canadians
• NCAA Basketball Champion	San Francisco
• College Football Champion	Oklahoma
• Heisman Trophy Winner	Paul Horning from Notre Dame
• Professional boxer Rocky Marciano retires undefeated.	

TOP MOVIES of 1956

• Around the World in Eighty Days - Academy Award Winner
• The King and I
• The Man Who Knew Too Much
• The Ten Commandments
• Forbidden Planet
• Invasion of the Body Snatchers

TOP SONGS of 1956

1. Don't Be Cruel - by Elvis Presley
2. The Great Pretender - by The Platters
3. The Green Door - by Jim Lowe
4. Heartbreak Hotel - by Elvis Presley
5. Hot Diggity (Dog Ziggity Boom) - by Perry Como
6. Hound Dog - by Elvis Presley
7. I Almost Lost My Mind - by Pat Boone
8. Love Me Tender - by Elvis Presley
9. Memories Are Made of This - by Dean Martin
10. Rock and Roll Waltz - by Kay Starr

TOP TV of 1956

• Alfred Hitchcock Presents (CBS)
• I've Got a Secret (CBS)
• Gunsmoke (CBS)
• As The World Turns" debuts on CBS.

BORN IN 1956

Mel Gibson - January 3
Andy Garcia - April 12
Sugar" Ray Leonard - May 17 "
Kenny G - June 5
Joe Montana - June 11
Carrie Fisher - October 21
Sinbad - November 10
Bo Derek - November 20

COST OF LIVING DURING OUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS vs.TODAY

ITEM	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	TODAY*
New House	\$10,950	\$11,725	\$12,225	\$11,925	\$12,400	\$79,380
Average Income	\$4,137 per Yr.	\$4,454 per Yr.	\$4,594 per Yr.	\$4,650 per Yr.	\$5,016 per Yr.	\$26,960 per Yr.
New Car	\$1,910	\$2,050	\$2,157	\$2,155	\$2,250	\$13,835
Average Rent	\$87.00 per Mo.	\$88.00 per Mo.	\$90.00 per Mo.	\$95.00 per Mo.	\$97.00 per Mo.	\$630.00 per Mo.
Tuition+R&B to Harvard U.	\$800 per Yr.	\$800 per Yr.	\$1,000 per Yr.	\$1,000 per Yr.	\$1,250 per Yr.	\$45,620 per Yr.
Movie Ticket	75¢ Each	75¢ Each	\$1.00 Each	\$1.00 Each	\$1.00 Each	\$7.50 Each
Gasoline	23¢ per Gal.	22¢ per Gal.	24¢ per Gal.	24¢ per Gal.	25¢ per Gal.	\$3.26 per Gal.
U.S. Postage Stamp	3¢ Each	3¢ Each	3¢ Each	4¢ Each	4¢ Each	41¢ Each
Granulated Sugar	85¢ for 10 Lbs.	85¢ for 10 Lbs.	89¢ for 10 Lbs.	85¢ for 10 Lbs.	89¢ for 10 Lbs.	\$6.73 for 10 Lbs.
Vitamin D Milk	92¢ per Gal.	97¢ per Gal.	\$1.00 per Gal.	\$1.01 per Gal.	\$1.01 per Gal.	\$3.29 per Gal.
Ground Coffee	80¢ per Lb.	85¢ per Lb.	90¢ per Lb.	93¢ per Lb.	95¢ per Lb.	\$5.45 per Lb.
Bacon	58¢ per Lb.	58¢ per Lb.	60¢ per Lb.	62¢ per Lb.	63¢ per Lb.	\$5.29 per Lb.
Eggs	27¢ per Dozen	27¢ per Dozen	28¢ per Dozen	28¢ per Dozen	29¢ per Dozen	\$2.99 per Dozen
Ground Hamburger	56¢ per Lb.	56¢ per Lb.	56¢ per Lb.	57¢ per Lb.	58¢ per Lb.	\$3.20 per Lb.
Fresh Baked Bread	18¢ per Loaf	18¢ per Loaf	19¢ per Loaf	19¢ per Loaf	20¢ per Loaf	\$2.89 per Loaf

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DeWitt's Germ-Fighting Toothbrush...
DeWitt's Germ-Fighting Toothpaste...
DeWitt's Germ-Fighting Mouthwash...

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 BY DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
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