

1. Which singer was called “the King of Rock and Roll”?

- A. Perry Como
- B. Frank Sinatra
- C. Elvis Presley

2. Elvis Presley’s 1956 hit was “Heartbreak ____.”

- A. Hotel
- B. Highway
- C. Harbor

3. Which spinning plastic hoop became a craze in 1958?

- A. Frisbee
- B. Hula hoop
- C. Yo-yo

4. Who was President of the United States from 1953 to 1961?

- A. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- B. John F. Kennedy
- C. Harry S. Truman

5. What was the name of the first artificial satellite, launched in 1957?

- A. Telstar
- B. Sputnik
- C. Explorer

6. Jonas Salk developed a vaccine against which disease?

- A. Polio
- B. Mumps
- C. Measles

7. Which TV comedy starring Lucille Ball began in 1951?

- A. The Honeymooners
- B. I Love Lucy
- C. Leave It to Beaver

8. In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat in which city?

- A. Atlanta
- B. Chicago
- C. Montgomery

9. Which band recorded “Rock Around the Clock”?

- A. The Drifters
- B. Bill Haley & His Comets
- C. The Platters

10. Which state joined the Union in January 1959?

- A. Alaska
- B. Arizona
- C. Hawaii

11. What did teenagers call a casual dance held in a school gym?

- A. Sock hop
- B. Cotillion
- C. Barn raising

12. Which full skirt often had a felt appliqué of a dog on it?

- A. Hoop skirt
- B. Poodle skirt
- C. Pencil skirt

13. In which year was the Korean War armistice signed?

- A. 1949
- B. 1958
- C. 1953

14. Who sang “Johnny B. Goode” in 1958?

- A. Buddy Holly
- B. Chuck Berry
- C. Little Richard

15. Which TV western set in Dodge City began in 1955?

- A. Bonanza
- B. Rawhide
- C. Gunsmoke

16. Who drew the “Peanuts” comic strip, which began in 1950?

- A. Walt Disney
- B. Charles M. Schulz
- C. Norman Rockwell

17. What frozen meal on a tray became popular in the 1950s?

- A. TV dinner
- B. Pizza roll
- C. Pot pie

18. Who became Queen of the United Kingdom in 1952?

- A. Mary
- B. Victoria
- C. Elizabeth II

19. Which actress starred in “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes” (1953)?

- A. Marilyn Monroe
- B. Doris Day
- C. Grace Kelly

20. Which park opened in Anaheim, California, in 1955?

- A. Coney Island
- B. Six Flags
- C. Disneyland

Answer Key

1950s Trivia

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| 1. C. Elvis Presley | 11. A. Sock hop |
| 2. A. Hotel | 12. B. Poodle skirt |
| 3. B. Hula hoop | 13. C. 1953 |
| 4. A. Dwight D. Eisenhower | 14. B. Chuck Berry |
| 5. B. Sputnik | 15. C. Gunsmoke |
| 6. A. Polio | 16. B. Charles M. Schulz |
| 7. B. I Love Lucy | 17. A. TV dinner |
| 8. C. Montgomery | 18. C. Elizabeth II |
| 9. B. Bill Haley & His Comets | 19. A. Marilyn Monroe |
| 10. A. Alaska | 20. C. Disneyland |