

Rocking Around the Clock

A Look at Canadian Culture in the 1950s and 1960s



Left: Lucille Ball with a poodle haircut

- All of the following are true regarding television during the 1950s EXCEPT:
 - it altered eating habits with the appearance of TV trays and frozen TV dinners.
 - it was noted for its "earthiness" and extreme violence.
 - it is revered as a classic period in programming--a "golden age of television."
 - it relied heavily on programming that included the variety show and live drama.
- The first popular sitcom was
 - The Honeymooners
 - Laverne and Shirley
 - I Love Lucy
- The first popular kids' program was
 - Sesame Street
 - The Howdy Doody Show
 - Mr. Roger's Neighbourhood
- All of the following were reasons why a consumer culture appeared in the 1950s EXCEPT:
 - the creation of credit cards and easy payments plans.
 - an increased ability of advertisers to create demand for new products.
 - the appearance of new products.
 - a considerable drop in prices.
- The young Canadian singing sensation of the 1950s who had a worldwide hit with his song "Diana" was
 - Elvis Presley
 - Paul Anka
 - Frank Sinatra
- The style of clothing popular in the mid- to late 1950s was
 - leisure suits and platform shoes
 - poodle skirts and saddle shoes
 - bell bottoms and tire-tread sandals



- The new hairstyle for women in 1960 was
 - long hair, ironed straight
 - large fluffy curls
 - the "beehive"
- One of the first important waves in rock music in the 1960s was something called the "British Invasion," which started in 1964. A band that was part of this wave was:
 - The Supremes
 - The Beatles
 - The Doors
 - The Grateful Dead
- Which of the following was NOT part of the 1960's counter-culture?
 - The antiwar movement
 - The civil rights movement
 - The students' movement
 - Women's liberation
 - All of the above contributed.
- The counter-culture of the 1960s promoted all of the following EXCEPT:
 - tolerant attitudes regarding sexual morality.
 - desires for greater self-fulfillment.
 - a new emphasis on religion.
 - the questioning of government and other authority.



Left: 1957 Chevy



Right: Phone booth stuffing, a popular fad

Slang of the 1950s

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| ___ actor | 1. No fun at all |
| ___ big daddy | 2. Get you upset |
| ___ blast | 3. Hip person |
| ___ bread | 4. Show-off |
| ___ cat | 5. Fist in the face |
| ___ cloud 9 | 6. Badly damage |
| ___ cookin' | 7. Clothes |
| ___ cool it | 8. Older person |
| ___ cranked | 9. Relax |
| ___ cream | 10. Getting really excited |
| ___ cut out | 11. Telephone |
| ___ dig | 12. Tattle or inform on someone |
| ___ dolly | 13. Exceptional |
| ___ flat out | 14. Good time |
| ___ flick | 15. Leave |
| ___ frosted | 16. Cool, in the know |
| ___ going ape | 17. Angry |
| ___ hang out | 18. Movie |
| ___ heat | 19. Doing very well |
| ___ hip | 20. Home |
| ___ horn | 21. Fast as you can |
| ___ knuckle sandwich | 22. Real cute young girl |
| ___ kookie | 23. Police |
| ___ made in the shade | 24. Nuts (in a nice way) |
| ___ no sweat | 25. Guaranteed success |
| ___ pad | 26. Money |
| ___ party pooper | 27. Do very little |
| ___ rattle your cage | 28. No problem |
| ___ sing | 29. Really happy |
| ___ split | 30. Understand |
| ___ threads | 31. Excited |
| ___ unreal | 32. Leave |



Welcome to Suburbia!
Most suburban families have 4-5 children, a car and attended church weekly. List the places that people living in suburbs routinely visited.



Spot the differences between these 1950s and 1960s teenagers.



Slang of the 1960s

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| ___ book | 1. Anyone in a position of authority |
| ___ boss | 2. Leave the area |
| ___ brewski | 3. Leaving the scene |
| ___ bummed out | 4. The police (also "pig") |
| ___ burn rubber | 5. Really excited |
| ___ choices | 6. Go to sleep, go to bed |
| ___ crash | 7. Depressed or upset |
| ___ ditz | 8. Great or I agree |
| ___ dude | 9. Really cool, with it |
| ___ dudette | 10. People who were not cool |
| ___ far out | 11. Beer |
| ___ flip flops | 12. Overeating |
| ___ flower child | 13. To lose control, usually meant in a negative way |
| ___ freak out | 14. To have your car spew smoke and get moving really fast |
| ___ fuzz | 15. Another name for a hippie |
| ___ groovy | 16. Your mom, later the woman you were living with or married to |
| ___ happening | 17. A girl |
| ___ old man | 18. Really cool |
| ___ old lady | 19. A guy |
| ___ outta sight | 20. A major insult, like you were anything but cool; a jerk |
| ___ pig out | 21. Really cool |
| ___ right on | 22. A person who was stupid, but in a funny way |
| ___ righteous | 23. Your dad, later the man you were living with or married to |
| ___ shades | 24. Super cheap shoes |
| ___ shotgun | 25. Wonderful and very up-to-date |
| ___ spaz | 26. You agree, but in a cool way |
| ___ split | 27. Sunglasses |
| ___ squares | 28. A girl |
| ___ stoked | 29. Really cool |
| ___ The Man | 30. Front passenger seat in a car |

Fun Facts

- "Kraft Television Theatre" begins in 1950s
- Outdoor barbecuing in summer; "oven barbecuing" in winter popular in 1950s
- 1953 Vitamin A added to margarine; Vitamin D added to milk

More Fun Facts

- 1956 Colonel Sander's Kentucky Fried Chicken
- 1964 Chicken parts sales soar
- 1965 Pillsbury's "Poppin' Fresh" Dough Boy