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Historical Events of 1955

January 2 - Panamanian president José Antonio Remón Cantera is assassinated.

January 4 - The Greek National Radical Union is formed by Konstantinos Karamanlis.

January 7 - Contralto Marian Anderson becomes the first person of color to perform at the Metropolitan Opera in Giuseppe Verdi's Un ballo in maschera.

January 18 - Chinese Civil War: Battle of Yijiangshan Islands is fought.

January 25 - The Soviet Union ends the state of war with Germany.

February 8 - The Government of Sindh, Pakistan, abolishes the Jagirdari system in the province. One million acres (4000 km²) of land thus acquired is to be distributed among the landless peasants.

February 13 - Israel obtains four of the seven Dead Sea Scrolls.

February 18 - Operation Teapot: Teapot test shot "Wasp" is successfully detonated at the Nevada Test Site with a yield of 1.2 kilotons. Wasp is the first of fourteen shots in the Teapot series.

February 23 - First meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO).

February 27 - Soviet Union regional elections, 1955.

March 2 - Norodom Sihanouk, king of Cambodia, abdicates the throne in favor of his father, Norodom Suramarit.

April 1 - The EOKA rebellion against the British Empire begins in Cyprus, with the goal of obtaining the desired unification ("enosis") with Greece.

April 3 - The American Civil Liberties Union announces it will defend Allen Ginsberg's book Howl against obscenity charges.

April 7 - Winston Churchill resigns as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom amid indications of failing health.

April 11 - The Air India Kashmir Princess is bombed and crashes in a failed assassination attempt on Zhou Enlai by the Kuomintang.

April 12 - The polio vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, is declared safe and effective.

April 15 - McDonald's restaurant dates its founding to the opening of a franchised restaurant by Ray Kroc, in Des Plaines, Illinois.

April 18 - Twenty-nine nations meet at Bandung, Indonesia, for the first Asian-African Conference.

April 23 - The Canadian Labour Congress is formed by the merger of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labour.

April 24 - The Bandung Conference ends: Twenty-nine non-aligned nations of Asia and Africa finish
a meeting that condemns colonialism, racism, and the Cold War.
May 2 - Tennessee Williams wins the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.
May 5 - West Germany gains full sovereignty.
May 9 - Cold War: West Germany joins NATO.
May 12 - Austria regains its independence as the Allied occupation following World War II ends.
May 12 - Nineteen days after bus workers went on strike in Singapore, rioting breaks out and seriously impacts Singapore's bid for independence.
May 14 - Cold War: Eight Communist bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, sign a mutual defense treaty called the Warsaw Pact.
May 18 - Operation Passage to Freedom, the evacuation of 310,000 Vietnamese civilians, soldiers and non-Vietnamese members of the French Army from communist North Vietnam to South Vietnam following the end of the First Indochina War, ends.
May 25 - First ascent of Kangchenjunga (8,586 m.), the third-highest mountain in the world, by a British expedition led by Charles Evans. Joe Brown and George Band reached the summit on May 25, followed by Norman Hardie and Tony Streater the next day.
May 25 - In the United States, a night-time F5 tornado strikes the small city of Udall, Kansas, killing 80 and injuring 273. It is the deadliest tornado to ever occur in the state and the 23rd deadliest in the U.S.
June 2 - The USSR and Yugoslavia sign the Belgrade declaration and thus normalize relations between both countries, discontinued since 1948.
June 7 - Lux Radio Theatre signs off the air permanently. The show launched in New York in 1934, and featured radio adaptations of Broadway shows and popular films.
June 11 - Eighty-three spectators are killed and at least 100 are injured after an Austin-Healey and a Mercedes-Benz collide at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the deadliest ever accident in motorsports.
June 13 - Mir mine, the first diamond mine in the USSR, is discovered.
June 14 - Chile becomes a signatory to the Buenos Aires copyright treaty.
June 16 - In a futile effort to topple Argentine President Juan Perón, rogue aircraft pilots of the Argentine Navy drop several bombs upon an unarmed crowd demonstrating in favor of Perón in Buenos Aires, killing 364 and injuring at least 800. At the same time on the ground, some forces soldiers attempt to stage a coup but are suppressed by loyal forces.
June 26 - The South African Congress Alliance adopts the Freedom Charter at the Congress of the People in Kliptown.
July 9 - The Russell-Einstein Manifesto is released by Bertrand Russell in London, England, United Kingdom.
July 15 - Eighteen Nobel laureates sign the Mainau Declaration against nuclear weapons, later co-signed by thirty-four others.
July 17 - Disneyland is dedicated and opened by Walt Disney in Anaheim, California.
July 27 - The Allied occupation of Austria stemming from World War II, ends.

July 28 - The Union Mundial pro Interlingua is founded at the first Interlingua congress in Tours, France.

August 7 - Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering, the precursor to Sony, sells its first transistor radios in Japan.

August 19 - In the Northeast United States, severe flooding caused by Hurricane Diane, claims 200 lives.

August 20 - In Morocco, a force of Berbers from the Atlas Mountains region of Algeria raid two rural settlements and kill 77 French nationals.

August 28 - Black teenager Emmett Till is brutally murdered in Mississippi, galvanizing the nascent American Civil Rights Movement.

September 6 - Istanbul's Greek, Jewish and Armenian minority are the target of a government-sponsored pogrom; dozens die in the ensuing riots.


September 10 - The television series Gunsmoke premieres on CBS. It was the second western television series written for adults. The first was the Lone Ranger.

September 16 - A Soviet Navy Zulu-class submarine becomes the first to launch a ballistic missile.

September 16 - The military coup to unseat President Juan Perón of Argentina is launched at midnight.

September 22 - In the United Kingdom, the television channel ITV goes live for the first time.

September 25 - The Royal Jordanian Air Force is founded.

September 30 - Film star James Dean dies in a road accident aged 24.

October 1 - The Honeymooners premiered on American television.

October 5 - Disneyland Hotel opens to the public in Anaheim, California.

October 7 - American poet Allen Ginsberg performs his poem Howl for the first time at the Six Gallery in San Francisco.

October 23 - Prime Minister Ngô Đình Diệm defeats former emperor Bảo Đại in a referendum and founds the Republic of Vietnam.

October 26 - Ngô Đình Diệm declares himself Premier of South Vietnam.

October 26 - After the last Allied troops have left the country and following the provisions of the Austrian Independence Treaty, Austria declares permanent neutrality.

October 29 - The Soviet battleship Novorossiysk strikes a World War II mine in the harbor at Sevastopol.

November 1 - The bombing of United Airlines Flight 629 occurs near Longmont, Colorado, killing all 39 passengers and five crew members aboard the Douglas DC-6B airliner.

November 5 - After being destroyed in World War II, the rebuilt Vienna State Opera reopens with a performance of Beethoven's Fidelio.
November 15 - The first part of Saint Petersburg Metro is opened.
November 19 - National Review publishes its first issue.
November 23 - The Cocos Islands are transferred from the control of the United Kingdom to that of Australia.

December 1 - American Civil Rights Movement: In Montgomery, Alabama, seamstress Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat to a white man and is arrested for violating the city’s racial segregation laws, an incident which leads to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
December 5 - E. D. Nixon and Rosa Parks lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

December 5 - The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merge and form the AFL-CIO.

December 8 - The Flag of Europe is adopted by Council of Europe.

December 10 - Mighty Mouse Playhouse premieres on American television.

December 14 - Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Ceylon, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Laos, Libya, Nepal, Portugal, Romania and Spain join the United Nations.

December 20 - Cardiff is proclaimed the capital city of Wales, United Kingdom.

December 24 - NORAD Tracks Santa for the first time in what will become an annual Christmas Eve tradition.

December 31 - General Motors becomes the first U.S. corporation to make over US$1 billion in a year.
Here is what happened on your birthday throughout history:

**Early History**

239 - (death) Cao Rui, Chinese emperor (b. 205)
613 - Eight-month-old Constantine is crowned as co-emperor (Caesar) by his father Heraclius at Constantinople.
826 - (birth) Emperor Montoku of Japan (d. 858)

**The Middle Ages**

1263 - (birth) Ibn Taymiyyah, Syirian scholar and theologian (d. 1328)
1341 - (death) Louis I, Duke of Bourbon (b. 1279)
### The Renaissance

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<td>1440</td>
<td>(birth) Ivan III of Russia (d. 1505)</td>
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<td>1506</td>
<td>The first contingent of 150 Swiss Guards arrives at the Vatican.</td>
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<td>1517</td>
<td>The Ottoman Empire under Selim I defeats the Mamluk Sultanate and captures present-day Egypt at the Battle of Ridaniya.</td>
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<td>1517</td>
<td>(death) Hadım Sinan Pasha, Ottoman statesman and Grand Vizier (b. ?)</td>
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<td>1521</td>
<td>Emperor Charles V opens the Diet of Worms.</td>
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<td>1536</td>
<td>(death) Bernhard Knipperdolling, German religious leader (b. 1495)</td>
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<td>1552</td>
<td>(birth) Walter Raleigh, English poet, soldier, courtier, and explorer (d. 1618)</td>
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<td>1552</td>
<td>(death) Edward Seymour, 1st Duke of Somerset, English general and politician, Lord High Treasurer of England (b. 1500)</td>
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<td>1555</td>
<td>The Ava Kingdom falls to the Taungoo Dynasty in what is now present-day Burma.</td>
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<td>1561</td>
<td>(birth) Francis Bacon, English philosopher and politician, Attorney General for England and Wales (d. 1626)</td>
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<td>1570</td>
<td>(birth) Sir Robert Cotton, 1st Baronet, of Connington, English politician, founded the Cotton library (d. 1631)</td>
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<td>1575</td>
<td>(death) James Hamilton, Duke of Châtellerault (b. 1516)</td>
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<td>1592</td>
<td>(birth) Pierre Gassendi, French mathematician, astronomer, and philosopher (d. 1655)</td>
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<td>1599</td>
<td>(death) Cristofano Malvezzi, Italian organist and composer (b. 1547)</td>
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### Early Modern Period

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<td>1645</td>
<td>(birth) William Kidd, Scottish sailor and pirate hunter (d. 1701)</td>
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<td>1654</td>
<td>(birth) Richard Blackmore, English physician and poet (d. 1729)</td>
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<td>1666</td>
<td>(death) Shah Jahan, Mughal emperor (b. 1592)</td>
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<td>1689</td>
<td>The Convention Parliament convenes to determine whether James II and VII, the last Roman Catholic monarch of England, Ireland and Scotland, had vacated the thrones of England and Ireland when he fled to France in 1688.</td>
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<td>1690</td>
<td>(birth) Nicolas Lancret, French painter (d. 1743)</td>
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<td>1729</td>
<td>(birth) Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, German philosopher and author (d. 1781)</td>
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1733 - (birth) Philip Carteret, English admiral and explorer (d. 1796)
1740 - (birth) Noah Phelps, American soldier, lawyer, and judge (d. 1809)
1750 - (death) Franz Xaver Josef von Unertl, Bavarian politician (b. 1675)
1763 - (death) John Carteret, 2nd Earl Granville, English politician; Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (b. 1690)
1767 - (death) Johann Gottlob Lehmann, German meteorologist and geologist (b. 1719)
1779 - (death) Jeremiah Dixon, English surveyor and astronomer (b. 1733)
1779 - (death) Claudius Smith, American guerrilla leader (b. 1736)
1781 - (birth) François Habeneck, French violinist and conductor (d. 1849)
1788 - (birth) Lord Byron, English poet and playwright (d. 1824)
1796 - (birth) Karl Ernst Claus, Estonian-Russian chemist, botanist, and academic (d. 1864)
1797 - (birth) Maria Leopoldina of Austria (d. 1826)
1798 - (death) Lewis Morris, American judge and politician (b. 1726)
1799 - (birth) Ludger Duvernay, Canadian journalist, publisher, and politician (d. 1852)
1824 - The Ashantis defeat British forces in the Gold Coast.
1831 - (birth) Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein (d. 1917)
1831 - (birth) Joseph Alfred Slade, American businessman (d. 1864)

Victorian Era

1840 - (birth) Ernest Wilberforce, English bishop (d. 1907)
1840 - (death) Johann Friedrich Blumenbach, German physician, physiologist, and anthropologist (b. 1752)
1849 - Second Anglo-Sikh War: The Siege of Multan ends after nine months when the last Sikh defenders of Multan, Punjab, surrender.
1849 - (birth) August Strindberg, Swedish playwright, novelist, poet, essayist (d. 1912)
1850 - (death) Vincent Pallotti, Italian missionary and saint (b. 1795)
1858 - (birth) Beatrice Webb, English sociologist and economist (d. 1943)
1863 - The January Uprising breaks out in Poland, Lithuania and Belarus. The aim of the national movement is to regain Polish-Lithuanian-Ruthenian Commonwealth from occupation by Russia.
1865 - (birth) Wilbur Scoville, Inventor of the Scoville scale for pepper heat, (d. 1942)
1869 - (birth) José Vicente de Freitas, Portuguese colonel and politician, 97th Prime Minister of Portugal (d. 1952)
1874 - (birth) Edward Harkness, American philanthropist (d. 1940)
1874 - (birth) Jay Hughes, American baseball player and coach (d. 1924)
1875 - (birth) D. W. Griffith, American director, producer, and screenwriter (d. 1948)
1876 - (birth) Warren McLaughlin, American baseball player (d. 1923)
1877 - Arthur Tooth, an Anglican clergyman is taken into custody after being prosecuted for using ritualist practices.
1877 - (birth) Tom Jones, American baseball player and manager (d. 1923)
1879 - Anglo-Zulu War: Battle of Isandlwana: Zulu troops decisively defeat British troops.
1879 - Anglo-Zulu War: Battle of Rorke's Drift: One hundred thirty-nine British soldiers successfully defend their garrison against an onslaught by three to four thousand Zulu warriors.
1879 - (birth) Francis Picabia, French painter and poet (d. 1953)
1879 - (death) Anthony Durnford, Irish colonel (b. 1830)
1879 - (death) Henry Pulleine, English colonel (b. 1838)
1880 - (birth) Bill O'Neill, Canadian-American baseball player (d. 1920)
1880 - (birth) Frigyes Riesz, Hungarian mathematician and academic (d. 1956)
1881 - (birth) Ira Thomas, American baseball player and manager (d. 1958)
1882 - (birth) Theodore Kosloff, Russian-American actor, dancer, and choreographer (d. 1956)
1887 - (birth) Helen Hoyt, American poet and author (d. 1972)
1889 - Columbia Phonograph is formed in Washington, D.C.
1889 - (birth) Henri Pélissier, French cyclist (d. 1935)
1889 - (birth) Amos Strunk, American baseball player and manager (d. 1979)
1890 - The United Mine Workers of America is founded in Columbus, Ohio.
1890 - (birth) Fred M. Vinson, American judge and politician, 13th Chief Justice of the United States (d. 1953)
1890 - (birth) Vinko Žganec, Croatian lawyer and musicologist (d. 1976)
1891 - (birth) Antonio Gramsci, Italian philosopher and politician (d. 1937)
1892 - (birth) Marcel Dassault, French businessman, founded Dassault Aviation (d. 1986)
1892 - (death) Joseph P. Bradley, American lawyer and jurist (b. 1813)
1893 - (birth) Conrad Veidt, German-American actor, director, and producer (d. 1943)
1897 - (birth) Leslie Sarony, English entertainer, singer and songwriter (d. 1985)
1897 - (birth) Blind Willie Johnson, American singer and guitarist (d. 1945)
1897 - (birth) Rosa Ponselle, American soprano and actress (d. 1981)
1898 - (birth) Ross Barnett, American lawyer and politician, 52nd Governor of Mississippi (d. 1987)
1898 - (birth) Sergei Eisenstein, Russian director and screenwriter (d. 1948)
1898 - (birth) Denise Legeay, French actress (d. 1968)
1899 - Leaders of six Australian colonies meet in Melbourne to discuss confederation.
1899 - (birth) Martti Haavio, Finnish poet and mythologist (d. 1973)

**Early 20th Century**

1900 - (birth) Ernst Busch, German actor and singer (d. 1980)
1900 - (death) David Edward Hughes, Welsh-American physicist, co-invented the microphone (b. 1831)
1901 - Edward VII is proclaimed King after the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.
1901 - (death) Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom (b. 1819)
1901 - (death) Emil Erlenmeyer, German chemist and academic (b. 1825)
1902 - (birth) Daniel Kinsey, American hurdler, coach, and academic (d. 1970)
1903 - (birth) Fritz Houtermans, Polish-German physicist and academic (d. 1966)
1904 - (birth) George Balanchine, Russian-American dancer, choreographer, and director, co-founded the New York City Ballet (d. 1983)
1904 - (birth) Arkady Gaidar, Russian journalist and author (d. 1941)
1905 - Bloody Sunday in Saint Petersburg, beginning of the 1905 revolution.
1905 - (birth) Willy Hartner, German physicist, historian, and academic (d. 1981)
1906 - SS Valencia runs aground on rocks on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, killing more than 130.
1906 - (birth) Joe Gladwin, English actor (d. 1987)
1906 - (birth) Robert E. Howard, American author and poet (d. 1936)
1907 - (birth) Douglas Corrigan, American pilot and engineer (d. 1995)
1907 - (birth) Dixie Dean, English footballer (d. 1980)
1907 - (birth) Mary Dresselhuys, Dutch actress (d. 2004)
1908 - (birth) Edythe Kirchmaier, American centenarian (d. 2015)
1908 - (birth) Lev Landau, Azerbaijani-Russian physicist and academic, Nobel Prize laureate (d. 
1968)
1908 - (birth) Prince Oana, American baseball player and manager (d. 1976)
1909 - (birth) Porfirio Rubirosa, Dominican race car driver, polo player, and diplomat (d. 1965)
1909 - (birth) Ann Sothern, American actress and singer (d. 2001)
1909 - (birth) U Thant, Burmese diplomat, 3rd United Nations Secretary-General (d. 1974)
1911 - (birth) Bruno Kreisky, Austrian politician, 22nd Chancellor of Austria (d. 1990)
1913 - (birth) Henry Bauchau, Belgian psychoanalyst and author (d. 2012)
1913 - (birth) William Conway, Irish cardinal (d. 1977)
1913 - (birth) Carl F. H. Henry, American theologian and publisher (d. 2003)
1913 - (birth) Kalervo Toivonen, Finnish javelin thrower (d. 2006)
1914 - (birth) Dimitris Dragatakis, Greek violinist and composer (d. 2001)
1915 - Over 600 people are killed in Guadalajara, Mexico, when a train plunges off the tracks into a deep canyon.
1915 - (birth) Heinrich Albertz, German theologian and politician, Mayor of Berlin (d. 1993)
1916 - (birth) Bill Durnan, Canadian ice hockey player and coach (d. 1972)
1916 - (birth) Henri Dutilleux, French pianist, composer, and educator (d. 2013)
1916 - (birth) Harilal Upadhyay, Indian author, poet, and astrologist (d. 1994)
1917 - World War I: President Woodrow Wilson of the still-neutral United States calls for "peace without victory" in Europe.
1917 - (birth) Huck Geary, American baseball player (d. 1981)
1918 - (birth) Elmer Lach, Canadian ice hockey player and coach (d. 2015)
1919 - Act Zluky is signed, unifying the Ukrainian People's Republic and the West Ukrainian National Republic.
1919 - (birth) Diomedes Olivo, Dominican baseball player and scout (d. 1977)

The Roaring 20s

1920 - (birth) Irving Kristol, American journalist, author, and academic, founded The National Interest (d. 2009)
1920 - (birth) Alf Ramsey, English footballer and manager (d. 1999)
1921 - (birth) Arno Babajanian, Armenian pianist and composer (d. 1983)
1921 - (death) George Streeter, American captain and businessman (b. 1837)
1922 - (birth) Howard Moss American poet, dramatist and critic (d. 1987)
1922 - (death) Fredrik Bajer, Danish educator and politician; Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1837)
1922 - (death) Pope Benedict XV (b. 1854)
1922 - (death) Camille Jordan, French mathematician and academic (b. 1838)
1923 - (birth) Diana Dill, Bermudian-American actress (d. 2015)
1924 - Ramsay MacDonald becomes the first Labour Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
1924 - (birth) J. J. Johnson, American trombonist and composer (d. 2001)
1924 - (birth) Ján Chryzostom Korec, Slovak cardinal (d. 2015)
1924 - (birth) Charles Lisanby, American production designer (d. 2013)
1924 - (birth) Ortvin Sarapu, New Zealand chess player (d. 1999)
1925 - (death) Fanny Bullock Workman, American geographer and mountain climber (b. 1859)
1926 - (birth) Aurèle Nicolet, Swiss flautist
1927 - Teddy Wakelam gives the first live radio commentary of a football match anywhere in the world, between Arsenal F.C. and Sheffield United at Highbury.
1927 - (death) James Ford Rhodes, American historian and author (b. 1848)
1928 - (birth) Yoshihiko Amino, Japanese historian, author, and academic (d. 2004)
1929 - (birth) Petr Eben, Czech composer, organist and choirmaster (d. 2007)
1929 - (death) Emma Cooke, American archer (b. 1848)
1929 - (death) R. C. Lehmann, English journalist, author, and politician (b. 1856)

The Great Depression

1930 - (birth) Mariví Bilbao, Spanish actress (d. 2013)
1930 - (birth) Éamon de Buitléar, Irish accordion player and director (d. 2013)
1930 - (death) Stephen Mather, American businessman and conservationist; co-founded Thorkildsen-Mather Borax Company (b. 1867)
1931 - (birth) Sam Cooke, American singer-songwriter (d. 1964)
1931 - (birth) Galina Zybina, Russian shot putter and javelin thrower
1931 - (death) László Batthyány-Strattmann, Hungarian physician and ophthalmologist (b. 1870)
1931 - (death) Alma Rubens, American actress (b. 1897)
1932 - (birth) Berthold Grünfeld, Norwegian psychiatrist and academic (d. 2007)
1932 - (birth) Piper Laurie, American actress
1933 - (birth) Yuri Chesnokov, Russian volleyball player and coach (d. 2010)
1934 - (birth) Vijay Anand, Indian actor, director, producer, and screenwriter (d. 2004)
1934 - (birth) Bill Bixby, American actor and director (d. 1993)
1934 - (birth) Graham Kerr, English chef and author
1935 - (birth) Seymour Cassel, American actor
1935 - (birth) Alexander Men, Russian priest and scholar (d. 1990)
1936 - (birth) Ong Teng Cheong, Singaporean architect and politician; 5th President of Singapore (d. 2002)
1936 - (birth) Alan J. Heeger, American physicist and chemist; Nobel Prize laureate
1936 - (birth) Nyree Dawn Porter, New Zealand-English actress (d. 2001)
1936 - (birth) Peter Steen, Danish actor and screenwriter (d. 2013)
1937 - (birth) Edén Pastora, Nicaraguan politician
1937 - (birth) Joseph Wambaugh, American police officer and author
1938 - (birth) Peter Beard, Australian photographer and author
1939 - (birth) Sonny Chiba, Japanese actor and martial artist
1939 - (birth) Jørgen Garde, Danish admiral (d. 1996)
1939 - (birth) Alfredo Palacio, Ecuadoran physician and politician, President of Ecuador
1939 - (birth) J. C. Tremblay, Canadian ice hockey player and scout (d. 1994)

THE 40S

1940 - (birth) John Hurt, English actor and singer
1940 - (birth) George Seifert, American football player and coach
1940 - (birth) Gillian Shephard, English educator and politician; Secretary of State for Education
1941 - World War II: British and Commonwealth troops capture Tobruk from Italian forces during Operation Compass.
1941 - (birth) Jaan Kaplinski, Estonian poet, philosopher, and critic
1942 - (birth) Mimis Domazos, Greek footballer
1943 - (birth) Marília Pêra, Brazilian actress and singer (d. 2015)
1943 - (birth) Michael Spicer, Baron Spicer, English journalist and politician
1944 - World War II: The Allies commence Operation Shingle, an assault on Anzio and Nettuno, Italy.
1944 - (birth) Khosrow Golsorkhi, Iranian journalist, poet, and activist (d. 1974)
1944 - (birth) Uto Ughi, Italian violinist and conductor
1945 - (birth) Jean-Pierre Nicolas, French race car driver and manager
1945 - (birth) Christoph Schönborn, Bohemian-Austrian cardinal
1945 - (birth) Alojz Uran, Slovenian archbishop
1945 - (birth) Arthur Beetson, Australian rugby player and coach (d. 2013)
1945 - (death) Else Lasker-Schüler, German poet and playwright (b. 1869)
1946 - In Iran, Qazi Muhammad declares the independent people's Republic of Mahabad at Chahar Cheragh Square in the Kurdish city of Mahabad. He is the new president and Haji Baba Sheikh is the prime minister.
1946 - Creation of the Central Intelligence Group, forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency.
1946 - (birth) Malcolm McLaren, English singer-songwriter and manager (d. 2010)
1946 - (birth) Serge Savard, Canadian ice hockey player and manager
1947 - KTLA, the first commercial television station west of the Mississippi River, begins operation in Hollywood.
1947 - (birth) Vladimir Oravsky, Czech-Swedish author and director
1948 - (birth) Northern Calloway, American actor and singer (d. 1990)
1948 - (birth) Gilbert Levine, American conductor and academic
1948 - (birth) Roger Williams, Welsh politician
1949 - (birth) Steve Perry, American singer-songwriter and producer (Journey)
1949 - (birth) Mike Caldwell, American baseball player and coach
1949 - (birth) Phil Miller, English guitarist (National Health, In Cahoots, Matching Mole and Hatfield and the North)
1949 - (birth) Mike Westhues, American-Finnish singer-songwriter and guitarist (d. 2013)
1949 - (death) William Thomas Walsh, American author, poet, and playwright (b. 1891)
1950 - (birth) Paul Bew, Northern Irish historian and academic
1950 - (birth) Pamela Salem, Indian-English actress
1950 - (death) Alan Hale, Sr., American actor and director (b. 1892)
1950 - (death) Corinne Luchaire, French actress (b. 1921)
1951 - (birth) Ondrej Nepela, Slovak figure skater and coach (d. 1989)
1951 - (birth) Steve J. Spears, Australian actor, singer, and playwright (d. 2007)
1951 - (death) Karl Nessler, German-American hairdresser; invented the Perm (b. 1872)
1951 - (death) Lawson Robertson, Scottish-American sprinter and high jumper (b. 1883)
1952 - (birth) Ramón Avilés, Puerto Rican baseball player
1952 - (birth) Ace Vergel, Filipino actor (d. 2007)
1953 - (birth) Winfried Berkemeier, German footballer and manager
1953 - (birth) Myung-whun Chung, South Korean pianist and conductor
1953 - (birth) Jim Jarmusch, American director and screenwriter
1954 - (birth) Tully Blanchard, American football player, wrestler, and referee
1954 - (birth) Chris Lemmon, American actor and author
1954 - (death) Princess Margaret of Prussia (b. 1872)
1955 - (birth) Jim Curtis, renowned woodworker and fine cabinet maker.
1955 - (birth) John Wesley Shipp, American actor and director
1955 - (birth) Thomas David Jones, American captain, pilot, and astronaut
1955 - (birth) Timothy R. Ferguson, American politician
1955 - (birth) Keiko Takahashi, Japanese actress
1956 - (birth) Steve Riley, American drummer
1956 - (birth) Şükrü Halâk Akalm, Turkish academic and bureaucrat
1957 - Israel withdraws from the Sinai Peninsula.
1957 - The New York City "Mad Bomber", George P. Metesky, is arrested in Waterbury, Connecticut and is charged with planting more than 30 bombs.
1957 - United Nations Security Council Resolution 127 is adopted
1957 - (birth) Mike Bossy, Canadian ice hockey player and sportscaster
1957 - (birth) Rene Requiestas, Filipino comedian and actor (d. 1993)
1957 - (birth) Godfrey Thoma, Nauruan politician
1957 - (death) Ralph Barton Perry, American philosopher and academic (b. 1876)
1958 - (birth) Nikos Anastopoulos, Greek footballer and manager
1958 - (birth) Filiz Koçali, Turkish politician and a feminist activist and journalist
1959 - Knox Mine disaster: Water breaches the River Slope Mine near Pittston, Pennsylvania in Port Griffith; 12 miners are killed.
1959 - (birth) Linda Blair, American actress and producer
1959 - (death) Mike Hawthorn, English race car driver (b. 1929)

The 60s

1960 - (birth) Michael Hutchence, Australian singer-songwriter and actor (INXS and Max Q) (d. 1997)
1961 - (birth) Quintin Dailey, American basketball player (d. 2010)
1961 - (birth) Daniel Johnston, American singer-songwriter
1962 - The Organization of American States suspends Cuba's membership.
1962 - (birth) Mizan Zainal Abidin of Terengganu, 17th Sultan of Terengganu
1962 - (birth) Dajan Ahmet, Estonian actor and director (d. 2006)
1962 - (birth) Jimmy Herring, American guitarist (Widespread Panic, The Dead, and Phil Lesh and Friends)
1962 - (birth) Eric Schaeffer, American actor and director
1962 - (birth) Sirous Ghayeghran, Iranian footballer and manager (d. 1998)
1963 - The Élysée Treaty of cooperation between France and Germany is signed by Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer.
1963 - (birth) Andrei Tchmil, Russian-Belgian cyclist and politician
1963 - (birth) Javier Ortiz, American baseball player
1964 - (birth) Nigel Benn, English-Australian boxer
1964 - (birth) Stojko Vranković, Croatian basketball player
1964 - (death) Marc Blitzstein American pianist and composer (b. 1905)
1965 - (birth) Steven Adler, American drummer and songwriter (Guns 'n' Roses)
1965 - (birth) DJ Jazzy Jeff, American DJ, producer, and actor
1965 - (birth) Diane Lane, American actress
1965 - (birth) Chintara Sukapatana, Thai actress
1966 - (birth) Craig Salvatori, Australian rugby league player and coach
1966 - (death) Herbert Marshall, English-American actor and singer (b. 1890)
1967 - (birth) Nick Gillingham, English swimmer
1967 - (birth) Manabu Nakanishi, Japanese wrestler and mixed martial artist
1967 - (birth) Ecaterina Szabo, Romanian gymnast
1967 - (death) Robert Henriques, English farmer and author (b. 1905)
1968 - Apollo 5 lifts off carrying the first Lunar module into space.
1968 - Operation Igloo White, a US electronic surveillance system to stop communist infiltration into South Vietnam begins installation.
1968 - (birth) Heath, Japanese singer-songwriter and bass player (X Japan)
1968 - (birth) Franka Dietzsch, German discus thrower
1968 - (birth) Guy Fieri, American restaurateur, author, host and television personality
1968 - (birth) Frank Leboeuf, French footballer, sportscaster, and actor
1968 - (birth) Mauricio Serna, Colombian footballer
1968 - (death) Duke Kahanamoku, American swimmer and water polo player (b. 1890)
1969 - (birth) Olivia d’Abo, English actress, singer and songwriter

The 70s

1970 - The Boeing 747, the world's first "jumbo jet", enters commercial service for launch customer Pan American Airways with its maiden voyage from John F. Kennedy International Airport to London Heathrow Airport.
1970 - (birth) Abraham Olano, Spanish cyclist
1971 - The Singapore Declaration, one of the two most important documents to the uncodified constitution of the Commonwealth of Nations, is issued.
1971 - (birth) Stan Collymore, English footballer and sportscaster
1971 - (birth) Jan Kaus, Estonian author and critic
1971 - (death) Harry Frank Guggenheim, American businessman and publisher; co-founded Newsday (b. 1890)
1972 - (birth) Katie Barberi, Mexican actress
1972 - (birth) Terry Hill, Australian rugby league player
1972 - (birth) Gabriel Macht, American actor and producer
1972 - (birth) Romi Park, Japanese voice actress and singer
1972 - (birth) Gonzalo Rodríguez, Uruguayan race car driver (d. 1999)
1972 - (birth) Namrata Shirodkar, Indian model and actress; Femina Miss India 1993
1972 - (birth) Norberto Téllez, Cuban runner
1973 - The Supreme Court of the United States delivers its decisions in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, legalizing elective abortion in all fifty states.
1973 - The crew of Apollo 17 addresses a joint session of Congress after the completion of the final Apollo moon landing mission.
1973 - A chartered Boeing 707 explodes in flames upon landing at Kano Airport, Nigeria, killing 176.
1973 - (birth) Larry Birkhead, American photographer
1973 - (birth) Rogério Ceni, Brazilian footballer
1973 - (death) Lyndon B. Johnson, American lieutenant and politician; 36th President of the United States (b. 1908)
1974 - (birth) Cameron McConville, Australian race car driver and sportscaster
1974 - (birth) Joseph Muscat, Maltese journalist and politician; 13th Prime Minister of Malta
1975 - (birth) Balthazar Getty, American actor and producer
1975 - (birth) Felipe Giaffone, Brazilian race car driver
1975 - (birth) David Výborný, Czech ice hockey player
1975 - (death) Andrew George Burry, Swiss-American businessman and philanthropist (b. 1873)
1976 - (birth) Jimmy Anderson, American baseball player and coach
1976 - (birth) TJ Trinidad, Filipino actor
1977 - (birth) Mario Donnn, Mexican singer-songwriter, pianist, and producer (Camila)
1977 - (birth) Jono Gibbes, New Zealand rugby player and coach
1977 - (birth) Anna Linkova, Russian tennis player
1977 - (birth) Hidetoshi Nakata, Japanese footballer
1977 - (birth) Matthew Newton, Australian actor, director, and screenwriter
1977 - (birth) Luciano Andrade Rissutt, Brazilian footballer
1977 - (death) Johannes Terwogt, Dutch rower (b. 1878)
1978 - (birth) Joseph Calleja, Maltese tenor
1978 - (birth) Chone Figgins, American baseball player
1978 - (death) Oliver Leese, English general (b. 1894)
1978 - (death) Herbert Sutcliffe, English cricketer and soldier (b. 1894)
1979 - (birth) Carlos Ruiz, Panamanian baseball player
1979 - (death) Ali Hassan Salameh, Palestinian rebel leader (b. 1940)
The 80s

1980 - (birth) Christopher Masterson, American actor and producer
1980 - (birth) Subhash Ram Prajapati, Nepalese author and scholar
1980 - (birth) Jonathan Woodgate, English footballer
1980 - (death) Yitzhak Baer, German-Israeli historian and academic (b. 1888)
1981 - (birth) Willa Ford, American singer-songwriter, producer, and actress
1981 - (birth) Beverley Mitchell, American actress and singer
1981 - (birth) Ben Moody, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer, and actor
1981 - (birth) Ibrahima Sonko, French footballer
1981 - (birth) Guy Wilks, English race car driver
1981 - (death) Ishtiaq Hussain Qureshi, Pakistani historian and academic (b. 1903)
1982 - (birth) Fabricio Coloccini, Argentinian footballer
1982 - (death) Eduardo Frei Montalva, Chilean lawyer and politician; 28th President of Chile (b. 1911)
1982 - (death) Tommy Tucker, American singer-songwriter and pianist (b. 1933)
1982 - (death) Pantelis Zervos, Greek actor (b. 1908)
1983 - (death) Donald Madden, American actor (b. 1928)
1984 - The Apple Macintosh, the first consumer computer to popularize the computer mouse and the graphical user interface, is introduced during Super Bowl XVIII with its famous "1984" television commercial.
1984 - (birth) Ben Eager, Canadian ice hockey player
1984 - (birth) Ubaldo Jiménez, Dominican baseball player
1984 - (birth) Dennis Kipruto Kimetto, Kenyan runner
1984 - (birth) Raica Oliveira, Brazilian-American model
1984 - (birth) Leon Powe, American basketball player
1984 - (birth) Maceo Rigters, Dutch footballer
1985 - (birth) Orianthi, Australian singer-songwriter and guitarist
1985 - (birth) Fotios Papoulis, Greek footballer
1985 - (birth) Mohamed Sissoko, Malian footballer
1985 - (birth) Yasemin Ergene, Turkish-German actress and model
1985 - (death)  Arthur Bryant, English historian and journalist (b. 1899)
1986 - (birth)  Lee Pa-ni, South Korean model and actress
1986 - (birth)  Maher Magri, Tunisian footballer
1986 - (birth)  Matt Simon, Australian footballer
1986 - (birth)  Daniel Wayne Smith, son of model Anna Nicole Smith (d. 2006)
1987 - Pennsylvanian politician R. Budd Dwyer shoots and kills himself during a televised press conference, leading to debates on boundaries in journalism.
1987 - Philippine security forces open fire on a crowd of 10,000-15,000 demonstrators at Malacañang Palace, Manila, killing 13.
1987 - (birth)  Astrid Jacobsen, Norwegian skier
1987 - (birth)  Shane Long, Irish footballer
1987 - (birth)  Ray Rice, American football player
1987 - (death)  R. Budd Dwyer, American educator and politician; 30th Treasurer of Pennsylvania (b. 1939)
1988 - (birth)  Greg Oden, American basketball player
1988 - (death)  Parker Fennelly, American actor (b. 1891)
1989 - (birth)  Rūta Gajauskaitė, Lithuanian figure skater
1989 - (death)  S. Vithiananthan, Sri Lankan author and academic (b. 1924)

The 90s

1990 - Robert Tappan Morris is convicted of releasing the 1988 Internet Computer worm.
1990 - (birth)  Alizé Cornet, French tennis player
1991 - (birth)  Marcus Canty, American singer and dancer
1991 - (birth)  Stefan Kolb, German footballer
1991 - (birth)  Alex MacDowall, English race car driver
1991 - (death)  Robert Choquette, Canadian author, poet and diplomat (b. 1905)
1992 - Rebel forces occupy Zaire's national radio station in Kinshasa and broadcast a demand for the government's resignation.
1992 - Space Shuttle program: Dr. Roberta Bondar becomes the first Canadian woman and the first neurologist in space.
1993 - (birth)  Rio Haryanto, Indonesian race car driver
1993 - (birth) Tommy Knight, English actor
1993 - (birth) Tasuku Nagase, Japanese actor
1993 - (death) Kōbō Abe, Japanese playwright and photographer (b. 1924)
1994 - (death) Jean-Louis Barrault, French actor and director (b. 1910)
1994 - (death) Rhett Forrester, American singer-songwriter (b. 1956)
1994 - (death) Telly Savalas, American actor, singer, and director (b. 1924)
1995 - Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Beit Lid massacre: In central Israel, near Netanya, two suicide bombers from the Gaza Strip blow themselves up at a military transit point killing 19 Israelis.
1995 - (death) Jerry Blackwell, American wrestler (b. 1949)
1995 - (death) Rose Kennedy, American philanthropist (b. 1890)
1996 - (death) Israel Eldad, Polish-Israeli philosopher and author (b. 1910)
1997 - (death) Ron Holden, American singer (b. 1939)
1998 - (birth) Silentó, American rapper
1999 - Australian missionary Graham Staines and his two sons are burned alive by radical Hindus while sleeping in their car in Eastern India.
1999 - (death) Graham Staines, Australian-Indian missionary and translator (b. 1941)

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2000 - (death) Anne Hébert, Canadian author and poet (b. 1916)
2001 - (death) Tommie Agee, American baseball player (b. 1942)
2002 - Kmart becomes the largest retailer in United States history to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.
2002 - (death) Peter Bardens, English keyboard player (b. 1945)
2003 - (death) Bill Mauldin, American soldier and cartoonist (b. 1921)
2004 - (death) Billy May, American trumpet player and composer (b. 1916)
2004 - (death) Ann Miller, American actress and dancer (b. 1923)
2005 - (death) César Gutiérrez, Venezuelan baseball player, coach, and manager (b. 1943)
2005 - (death) Carlo Orelli, Italian soldier (b. 1894)
2005 - (death) Consuelo Velázquez, Mexican pianist and songwriter (b. 1924)
2006 - Evo Morales is inaugurated as President of Bolivia, becoming the country's first indigenous president.
2006 - Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers scores 81 points in an NBA game versus the Toronto Raptors, the second highest total in NBA history.
2006 - (death) Aydın Güven Gürkan, Turkish academic and politician, Turkish Minister of Labor and Social Security (b. 1941)

2007 - At least 88 people are killed when two car bombs explode in the Bab Al-Sharqi market in central Baghdad, Iraq.

2007 - (death) Ngô Quang Trưởng, Vietnamese general (b. 1929)

2007 - (death) Abbé Pierre, French priest and activist (b. 1912)

2007 - (death) Liz Renay, American actress, author and performer (b. 1926)

2008 - (death) Heath Ledger, Australian actor and director (b. 1979)

2008 - (death) Miles Lerman, Polish-American holocaust survivor and activist (b. 1920)

2010 - Conan O’Brien performs his last Tonight Show on NBC as a part of the Tonight Show conflict of 2010.

2010 - (death) Louis R. Harlan, American historian and author (b. 1922)

2010 - (death) Iskandar of Johor (b. 1932)

2010 - (death) Jean Simmons, English-American actress and singer (b. 1929)

2012 - (death) Rita Gorr, Belgian soprano and actress (b. 1926)

2012 - (death) André Green, French psychoanalyst and author (b. 1927)

2012 - (death) Joe Paterno, American football player and coach (b. 1926)

2012 - (death) Clarence Tillenius, Canadian painter and environmentalist (b. 1913)

2012 - (death) Dick Tufeld, American actor, announcer, narrator and voice actor (b. 1926)

2013 - (death) Robert Bonnau, French historian and academic (b. 1929)

2013 - (death) John Cheng, Singaporean actor (b. 1961)

2013 - (death) Leslie Frankenheimer, American set decorator (b. 1948)

2013 - (death) Anna Litvinova, Russian model; Miss Russia 2006 (b. 1983)

2013 - (death) Lucyna Winnicka, Polish actress (b. 1928)

2014 - (death) François Deguelt, French singer (b. 1932)

2014 - (death) Serhiy Nigoyan, Ukrainian activist (b. 1993)

2014 - (death) Maziar Partow, Iranian cinematographer (b. 1933)

2014 - (death) Akkineni Nageswara Rao, Indian actor and producer (b. 1924)

2015 - An explosion near a civilian trolleybus in the city of Donetsk kills at least thirteen people.

2015 - (death) Wendell H. Ford, American lieutenant and politician, 53rd Governor of Kentucky (b. 1924)
Music

Pop

The #1 pop songs on January 22, for all years since 1955:

1955 - Let Me Go, Lover By Joan Weber
1956 - Memories Are Made of This By Dean Martin
1957 - Singing the Blues By Guy Mitchell
1958 - At the Hop By Danny & the Juniors
1959 - Smoke Gets in Your Eyes By The Platters
1960 - Running Bear By Johnny Preston
1961 - Wonderland by Night By Bert Kaempfert
1962 - Peppermint Twist - Part I By Joey Dee and the Starliters
1963 - Walk Right In By The Rooftop Singers
1964 - There! I've Said It Again By Bobby Vinton
1965 - Downtown By Petula Clark
1966 - The Sound of Silence By Simon & Garfunkel
1967 - I'm a Believer By The Monkees
1968 - Judy in Disguise (With Glasses) By John Fred and His Playboy Band
1969 - I Heard It Through the Grapevine By Marvin Gaye
1970 - Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head By B.J. Thomas
1971 - Knock Three Times By Dawn
1972 - American Pie By Don McLean
1973 - Superstition By Stevie Wonder
1974 - You're Sixteen By Ringo Starr
1975 - Please Mr. Postman By The Carpenters
1976 - Theme from Mahogany (Do You Know Where You're Going To) By Diana Ross
1977 - I Wish By Stevie Wonder
1978 - Baby Come Back By Player
1979 - Le Freak By Chic
1980 - Rock with You By Michael Jackson
1981 - (Just Like) Starting Over By John Lennon
1982 - Physical By Olivia Newton-John
1983 - Down Under By Men at Work
1984 - Owner of a Lonely Heart By Yes
1985 - Like a Virgin By Madonna
1986 - That's What Friends Are For By Dionne and Friends
1987 - At This Moment By Billy Vera and the Beaters
1988 - The Way You Make Me Feel By Michael Jackson
1989 - Two Hearts By Phil Collins
1990 - How Am I Supposed to Live Without You By Michael Bolton
1991 - The First Time By Surface
1992 - All 4 Love By Color Me Badd
1993 - I Will Always Love You By Whitney Houston
1994 - All for Love By Bryan Adams / Rod Stewart / Sting
1995 - Creep By TLC
1996 - One Sweet Day By Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men
1997 - Un-Break My Heart By Toni Braxton
1998 - Truly Madly Deeply By Savage Garden
1999 - Have You Ever? By Brandy
2000 - What a Girl Wants By Christina Aguilera
2001 - Independent Women Part I By Destiny's Child
2002 - U Got It Bad By Usher
2003 - Lose Yourself By Eminem
2004 - Hey Ya! By OutKast
2005 - Let Me Love You By Mario
2006 - Grillz By Nelly featuring Paul Wall, Ali and Gipp
2007 - Irreplaceable By Beyoncé
2008 - Low By Flo Rida featuring T-Pain
2009 - Just Dance By Lady Gaga featuring Colby O'Donis
2010 - Tik Tok By Kesha
2011 - Grenade By Bruno Mars
2012 - We Found Love By Rihanna featuring Calvin Harris
2013 - Locked Out of Heaven By Bruno Mars
2014 - Timber By Pitbull featuring Kesha
2015 - Uptown Funk By Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars
Top 40 Pop Songs for 1955:

1 : Cherry Pink (and Apple Blossom White) By Perez Prado
2 : Rock Around the Clock By Bill Haley & His Comets
3 : The Yellow Rose of Texas By Mitch Miller
4 : Autumn Leaves By Roger Williams
5 : Unchained Melody By Les Baxter
6 : The Ballad of Davy Crockett By Bill Hayes
7 : Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing By The Four Aces
8 : Sincerely By The McGuire Sisters
9 : Ain't That a Shame By Pat Boone
10 : The Wallflower (Dance with Me, Henry) By Georgia Gibbs
11 : The Crazy Otto Medley By Johnny Maddox
12 : Melody of Love By Billy Vaughn
13 : Sixteen Tons By Tennessee Ernie Ford
14 : Learnin' the Blues By Frank Sinatra
15 : Hearts of Stone By The Fontane Sisters
16 : Tweedle Dee By Georgia Gibbs
17 : Moments to Remember By The Four Lads
18 : Mr. Sandman By The Chordettes
19 : Let Me Go, Lover! By Joan Weber
20 : A Blossom Fell By Nat King Cole
21 : Unchained Melody By Al Hibbler
22 : The Ballad of Davy Crockett By Fess Parker
23 : Honey Babe By Art Mooney
24 : The Ballad of Davy Crockett By Tennessee Ernie Ford
25 : Ko Ko Mo (I Love You So) By Perry Como
26 : Hard to Get By Gisele MacKenzie
27 : The Naughty Lady of Shady Lane By The Ames Brothers
28 : That's All I Want from You By Jaye P. Morgan
29 : Only You (And You Alone) By The Platters
30 : It's a Sin to Tell a Lie By Somethin' Smith and the Redheads
31 : Tutti Frutti By Little Richard
32 : Mister Sandman By Four Aces
33 : Love & Marriage By Frank Sinatra
34 : Maybellene By Chuck Berry
35 : Stranger in Paradise By Four Aces
36 : Rose Marie By Slim Whitman
37 : Ain't That a Shame By Fats Domino
38 : Bo Diddley By Bo Diddley
39 : Cry Me a River By Julie London
40 : Mannish Boy By Muddy Waters

Country

The #1 country songs on January 22, for all years since 1955:

1955 - Loose Talk By Carl Smith
1956 - Why Baby Why By Red Sovine and Webb Pierce
1957 - Young Love By Sonny James
1958 - The Story of My Life By Marty Robbins
1959 - Billy Bayou By Jim Reeves
1960 - He'll Have to Go By Jim Reeves
1961 - North to Alaska By Johnny Horton
1962 - Misery Loves Company By Porter Wagoner
1963 - The Ballad of Jed Clampett By Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs
1964 - Begging to You By Marty Robbins
1965 - You're the Only World I Know By Sonny James
1966 - Giddyup Go By Red Sovine
1967 - Don't Come Home A' Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind) By Loretta Lynn
1968 - Sing Me Back Home By Merle Haggard
1969 - Daddy Sang Bass By Johnny Cash
1970 - Baby, Baby (I Know You're a Lady) By David Houston
1971 - Rose Garden By Lynn Anderson
1972 - Carolyn By Merle Haggard
1973 - (Old Dogs, Children and) Watermelon Wine By Tom T. Hall
1974 - I Love By Tom T. Hall
1975 - (I'd Be) A Legend in My Time By Ronnie Milsap
1976 - Convoy By C.W. McCall
1977 - I Can't Believe She Gives It All to Me By Conway Twitty
1978 - Out of My Head and Back in My Bed By Loretta Lynn
1979 - Why Have You Left the One You Left Me For By Crystal Gayle
1980 - I'll Be Coming Back for More By T. G. Sheppard
1981 - 9 to 5 By Dolly Parton
1982 - Red Neckin' Love Makin' Night By Conway Twitty
1983 - (Lost His Love) On Our Last Date By Emmylou Harris
1984 - The Sound of Goodbye By Crystal Gayle
1985 - (There's A) Fire in the Night By Alabama
1986 - Never Be You By Rosanne Cash
1987 - Cry Myself to Sleep By The Judds
1988 - Where Do the Nights Go By Ronnie Milsap
1989 - Deeper Than the Holler By Randy Travis
1990 - Nobody's Home By Clint Black
1991 - Forever's as Far as I'll Go By Alabama
1992 - Sticks and Stones By Tracy Lawrence
1993 - Look Heart, No Hands By Randy Travis
1994 - Wild One By Faith Hill
1995 - Gone Country By Alan Jackson
1996 - It Matters to Me By Faith Hill
1997 - Nobody Knows By Kevin Sharp
1998 - Just to See You Smile By Tim McGraw
1999 - Wrong Again By Martina McBride
2000 - Breathe By Faith Hill
2001 - Without You By Dixie Chicks
2002 - Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning) By Alan Jackson
2003 - 19 Somethin' By Mark Wills
2004 - There Goes My Life By Kenny Chesney
2005 - Awful, Beautiful Life By Darryl Worley
2006 - Jesus, Take the Wheel By Carrie Underwood
2007 - Watching You By Rodney Atkins
2008 - Our Song By Taylor Swift
2009 - Start a Band By Brad Paisley with Keith Urban
2010 - Consider Me Gone By Reba
2011 - Felt Good on My Lips By Tim McGraw
2012 - Drink in My Hand By Eric Church
2013 - Cruise By Florida Georgia Line
2014 - Drink a Beer By Luke Bryan
2015 - Something in the Water By Carrie Underwood
R&B/Hip-Hop

The #1 R&B/Hip-Hop songs on January 22, for all years since 1955:

1955 - Sincerely By The Moonglows
1956 - The Great Pretender By The Platters
1956 - At My Front Door By The El Dorados
1957 - Since I Met You Baby By Ivory Joe Hunter
1958 - Raunchy By Bill Justis And His Orchestra
1959 - Lonely Teardrops By Jackie Wilson
1960 - Smokie (Part 2) By Bill Black's Combo
1961 - Shop Around By The Miracles
1962 - I Know (You Don't Love Me No More) By Barbara George
1963 - Two Lovers By Mary Wells
1965 - My Girl By The Temptations
1966 - Uptight (Everything's Alright) By Stevie Wonder
1967 - Tell It Like It Is By Aaron Neville
1968 - Chain of Fools By Aretha Franklin
1969 - I Heard It Through the Grapevine By Marvin Gaye
1970 - I Want You Back By The Jackson 5
1971 - If I Were Your Woman By Gladys Knight & the Pips
1972 - Let's Stay Together By Al Green
1973 - Why Can't We Live Together By Timmy Thomas
1974 - Livin' for You By Al Green
1975 - Fire By The Ohio Players
1976 - Wake Up Everybody (Part 1) By Harold Melvin & The Blue Notes
1977 - I Wish By Stevie Wonder
1978 - Our Love By Natalie Cole
1979 - Aqua Boogie (A Psychoalphadiscobetabioaquadoloop) By Parliament
1980 - Rock with You By Michael Jackson
1981 - Celebration By Kool and the Gang
1982 - Turn Your Love Around By George Benson
1983 - The Girl Is Mine By Michael Jackson & Paul McCartney
1984 - If Only You Knew By Patti LaBelle
1985 - Gotta Get You Home Tonight By Eugene Wilde
1986 - That's What Friends Are For By Dionne and Friends
1987 - Stop to Love By Luther Vandross
1988 - Love Overboard By Gladys Knight & the Pips
1989 - Superwoman By Karyn White
1990 - I'll Be Good to You By Quincy Jones featuring Ray Charles and Chaka Khan
1991 - Love Makes Things Happen By Pebbles and Babyface
1992 - Keep It Comin' By Keith Sweat
1993 - I Will Always Love You By Whitney Houston
1994 - Cry for You By Jodeci
1995 - Creep By TLC
1996 - Before You Walk out of My Life / Like This and Like That By Monica
1997 - Don't Let Go (Love) By En Vogue
1998 - Nice and Slow By Usher
1999 - Nobody's Supposed to Be Here By Deborah Cox
2000 - Hot Boyz By Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott featuring Nas, Eve and Q-Tip
2001 - Danger (Been So Long) By Mystikal featuring Nivea
2002 - Always on Time By Ja Rule featuring Ashanti
2003 - Miss You By Aaliyah
2004 - You Don't Know My Name By Alicia Keys
2005 - Let Me Love You By Mario
2006 - Be Without You By Mary J. Blige
2007 - Irreplaceable By Beyoncé
2008 - Like You'll Never See Me Again By Alicia Keys
2009 - Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It) By Beyoncé
2010 - It Kills Me By Melanie Fiona
2011 - Can't Be Friends By Trey Songz
2012 - Lotus Flower Bomb By Wale featuring Miguel
2013 - Thrift Shop By Macklemore & Ryan Lewis featuring Wanz
2014 - The Monster By Eminem featuring Rihanna
2015 - I Don't F*** with You By Big Sean featuring E-40
Dance

The #1 dance songs on January 22, for all years since 1975:

1975 - Shame, Shame, Shame By Shirley & Company
1976 - Mighty High By Mighty Clouds of Joy
1977 - Don't Leave Me This Way/ Any Way You Like It By Thelma Houston
1978 - Supernature/ Give Me Love/ Love Is Here By Cerrone
1979 - I Will Survive/ Substitute/ Anybody Wanna Party?/ I Said Yes By Gloria Gaynor
1980 - Vertigo/ Relight My Fire/ Free Ride By Dan Hartman
1981 - You're Too Late By Fantasy
1982 - I Can't Go for That (No Can Do) By Daryl Hall and John Oates
1983 - Thriller (all cuts) By Michael Jackson
1984 - Trommeltanz (Din Daa Daa) By George Kranz
1985 - Loveride By Nuance featuring Vikki Love
1986 - Love's Gonna Get You By Jocelyn Brown
1987 - Come Go with Me By Exposé
1988 - What Have I Done to Deserve This? By Pet Shop Boys and Dusty Springfield
1989 - Good Life By Inner City
1990 - C'mon and Get My Love By D Mob introducing Cathy Dennis
1991 - Justify My Love By Madonna
1992 - Just a Touch of Love By C+C Music Factory
1993 - I'm Gonna Get You By Bizarre Inc featuring Angie Brown
1994 - I Love Music By Rozalla
1995 - I Get Lifted By Barbara Tucker
1996 - Got Myself Together By The Bucketheads
1997 - Blue Skies By BT featuring Tori Amos
1998 - Circles By Kimara Lovelace
1999 - It's Not Right but It's Okay By Whitney Houston
2000 - Above the Clouds By Amber
2001 - Lady (Hear Me Tonight) By Modjo
2002 - Get the Party Started By Pink
2003 - Some Lovin' By Murk featuring Kristine W
2004 - Stoned By Dido
2005 - The Wonder of It All By Kristine W
2006 - House Is Not a Home By Deborah Cox
2007 - Party People By Altar featuring Jeanie Tracy
2008 - Stars By Erika Jayne
2009 - Human By The Killers
2010 - Push N Pull By Noferini & Marini vs. Sylvia Tosun
2011 - Firework By Katy Perry
2012 - If It Wasn't for Love By Deborah Cox
2013 - I Found You By The Wanted
2014 - Higher By Deborah Cox featuring Paige
2015 - Go All Night By Gorgon City featuring Jennifer Hudson

Rock

The #1 rock songs on January 22, for all years since 1982:

1982 - Centerfold By The J. Geils Band
1983 - Hungry Like the Wolf By Duran Duran
1984 - Jump By Van Halen
1985 - I Want to Know What Love Is By Foreigner
1986 - Silent Running (On Dangerous Ground) By Mike + the Mechanics
1987 - My Baby By The Pretenders
1988 - On the Turning Away By Pink Floyd
1989 - Got It Made By Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
1990 - Downtown Train By Rod Stewart
1991 - All This Time By Sting
1992 - Mysterious Ways By U2
1993 - Stand Up (Kick Love into Motion) By Def Leppard
1994 - Daughter By Pearl Jam
1995 - Don't Tell Me (What Love Can Do) By Van Halen
1996 - Cumbersome By Seven Mary Three
1997 - Lady Picture Show By Stone Temple Pilots
1998 - Touch, Peel and Stand By Days of the New
1999 - Turn the Page By Metallica
2000 - No Leaf Clover By Metallica
2001 - Loser By 3 Doors Down
2002 - My Sacrifice By Creed
2003 - When I'm Gone By 3 Doors Down
2004 - Numb By Linkin Park
2005 - Boulevard of Broken Dreams By Green Day
2006 - Save Me By Shinedown
2007 - Pain By Three Days Grace
2008 - Fake It By Seether
2009 - Second Chance By Shinedown
2010 - Break By Three Days Grace
2011 - Isolation By Alter Bridge
2012 - Face to the Floor By Chevelle
2013 - Been Away Too Long By Soundgarden
2014 - Battle Born By Five Finger Death Punch
2015 - Something from Nothing By Foo Fighters
The #1 movie on January 22, 1955:

*Vera Cruz*

Academy Awards for 1955

- Winner, Best Picture: *Marty*
- Nominee, Best Picture: *Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing*
- Nominee, Best Picture: *Mister Roberts*
- Nominee, Best Picture: *Picnic*
- Nominee, Best Picture: *The Rose Tattoo*

- Winner, Best Director: Delbert Mann for *Marty*
- Winner, Best Actor: Ernest Borgnine in *Marty*
- Winner, Best Actress: Anna Magnani in *The Rose Tattoo*
- Winner, Best Original Screenplay: *Interrupted Melody*
- Winner, Best Adapted Screenplay: *Marty*
Top ten bestselling novels for 1955:

1 : Marjorie Morningstar By Herman Wouk
2 : Auntie Mame By Patrick Dennis
3 : Andersonville By MacKinlay Kantor
4 : Bonjour Tristesse By Françoise Sagan
5 : The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit By Sloan Wilson
6 : Something of Value By Robert Ruark
7 : Not as a Stranger By Morton Thompson
8 : No Time for Sergeants By Mac Hyman
9 : The Tontine By Thomas B. Costain
10 : Ten North Frederick By John O'Hara
Finance

Finance Snapshot

On January 22, 1955, you could buy a new car for $2,061, and then get the tank filled at the gas station for $0.29 per gallon. On your way home to your new $11,141 house, you could stop at the store to pick up a loaf of bread for $0.17. Reading the paper, you might notice that in the stock market, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was at 397.

Given that it hit 18,000 in 2015, you might wonder if it had been worth investing in stocks. Or perhaps gold? Gold was trading at $35.15 per oz, compared to hitting over $1700 per oz in 2012.
# Finance Timeline

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New Age

Phase of the Moon

You were born under a waning crescent moon. People born under this moon tend to be quiet, introspective intellectuals. Their visionary ideas help make them become great leaders. Rather than lead through charisma, they lead through their hard work ethic and far reaching goals. Their can-do attitude is followed up by actually doing it rather than talking about it. This quality makes it hard for them to accept people who do not deliver what they promise. They tend to be loners, and bloom later in life. They are more likely to work out on a chess board or a crossword puzzle than in a team sport.

Astrological Love Compatibility

Your sign is Aquarius. You are most compatible with Libra and Sagittarius. However you are also a very good match with Gemini, Aries, and Aquarius. Though the relationship will take a little more effort, it can still work out with Cancer, Leo, Pisces, and Capricorn. But you should try to avoid Taurus, Virgo, and Scorpio.

Tarot Birth Reading

Your tarot birth profile is composed of one or more of the following cards:

A personality card. This card is an indication of what you need to learn or master in your lifetime. Study the card well to determine if you are indeed learning the lessons that you should be. It is also characterizes your talents and strengths, and how others see you.

A soul card. This card represents your soul's purpose in life, your qualities that will help you, and your weaknesses that will hold you back. It is the core of who you are.

A shadow card. This card, if you have one, reflects the parts of you that you fear, reject, or are simply unaware of. It is indeed the 'shadow' of your personality card. Sometimes called the teacher card, you should face it in order to grow. Turn weaknesses into strengths.
Your personality card is also your soul card - a hint that you should perhaps pay particular attention to the message:

**The Chariot**

The chariot represents a hard-fought victory. Muster enough conviction, will power, and discipline will ultimately lead to conquest. You need to rely on yourself, work hard, and be brave. But be careful, you must stay in control of yourself. The opposing colors, and even slightly opposing directions, of the two sphinxes pulling the chariot represent the need to make sure that all of your energies are working together for a common goal. In the end, the danger is the chariot either leading you down the wrong path, or falling apart from lack of control of the driving forces that help you achieve your goals. Victory should not come at too high a cost, beware of ruthlessness and anger management issues.

Your shadow/teacher card is:

**The Tower**

The Tower is a harbinger of revelations, or of sudden and explosive changes. It's a card about questioning our beliefs, and dealing with proofs to the contrary. This could be beliefs about others in our lives, about our inner selves, or ideologies, or any other belief system. Learning that something you believed was false is never easy, hence the explosive, violent nature of the illustration. But tearing down these falsehoods is what allows you to rebuild on a more solid foundation of truth. Learning to deal with disruption and moments of chaos is key.
Chinese Astrology

Birth Year Animal

You were born in the Year Of The Horse. The horse is a yang animal, and is part of the third trine. The third trine consists of the Tiger, Horse, and Dog. These three signs seek a true lover, and are like-minded in their pursuit of humanitarian causes. Idealistic and impulsive, the Tiger, Horse and Dog follow the beat of their own drum. Defiant against injustice, these three signs wilt without large amounts of physical affection and loyal support for causes. They are productive, enthusiastic, independent, engaging, dynamic and honorable. They can also be rash, rebellious, quarrelsome, hot-headed, reckless, anxious, moody, disagreeable, and stubborn. Although these three signs are loyal, they can be very protective when lied to. The three signs do not enjoy being told what to do, but will listen when it is a person they love or trust whole-heartedly. These three animals can also be particular and will get aggressive when something true to them is broken.

Relationship Compatibility

You are a best match with a Tiger, Goat, and Dog. You are also a good match with a Dragon, Snake, Monkey, Rooster, Pig, Rabbit, and Horse. But you are not a match for a Rat, Ox.

Fixed and Birth Elements

In addition to being influenced by your birth animal, you are also influenced by two of the five elements in Chinese astrology: Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water.
Your animal is associated with the fixed element fire. Fire attributes are considered to be dynamism, strength and persistence; however, it is also connected to restlessness. The fire element provides warmth, enthusiasm and creativity, however an excess of it can bring aggression, impatience and impulsive behavior. In the same way, fire provides heat and warmth, however an excess can also burn. Fire is associated with negative emotions of hate and the positive emotion is joy.

Your birth year element is wood. Hence you are a Yang Wood Horse. Wood attributes are considered to be strength and flexibility, as with bamboo. It is also associated with qualities of warmth, generosity, co-operation and idealism. The Wood person will be expansive, outgoing and socially conscious. The wood element is one that seeks ways to grow and expand. Wood heralds the beginning of life, springtime and buds, sensuality and fecundity.

Birth Month Animal

An additional animal influences your life: your birth month animal. Yours is the ox, which is part of the second trine. The second trine consists of the Ox, Snake, and Rooster. These three souls conquer life through endurance, application, and slow accumulation of energy. Although each sign is fixed and rigid in opinions and views, they are geniuses in the art of meticulous planning. They are hardworking, discreet, modest, industrious, charitable, loyal, punctual, philosophical, patient, and good-hearted individuals with high moral standards. They can also be self righteous, vain, critical, judgmental, myopic, narrow minded, and petty. They are also natural leaders, but are better natured than the first trine.
Population

Population Statistics for January 22, 1955

World population: 2,758,636,667
Asia: 1,543,256,334
Africa: 247,350,000
Europe: 575,303,333
Latin America: 191,210,000
North America: 187,198,333
Oceania: 14,318,667

World Population for January 22, 1955-present

1955 - 2,758,637,000
1957 - 2,849,037,000
1959 - 2,939,437,000
1961 - 3,056,718,000
1963 - 3,197,918,000
1965 - 3,339,165,000
1967 - 3,481,965,000
1969 - 3,624,765,000
1971 - 3,771,587,000
1973 - 3,921,987,000
1975 - 4,072,282,000
1977 - 4,219,082,000
1979 - 4,365,882,000
1981 - 4,518,820,000
1983 - 4,677,220,000
1985 - 4,836,040,000
1987 - 5,008,840,000
1989 - 5,181,640,000
1991 - 5,349,995,000
1993 - 5,514,395,000
1995 - 5,678,620,000
1997 - 5,837,020,000
1999 - 5,995,420,000
2001 - 6,151,280,000
2003 - 6,304,880,000
2005 - 6,460,043,000
2007 - 6,667,243,000
2009 - 6,874,443,000
2011 - 7,039,028,000
2013 - 7,163,546,000
2015 - 7,219,725,000
2016 - 7,300,725,000
Here are the games that were played on January 22, 1955:

**Basketball**

Ft Wayne Pistons : 85 , Milwaukee Hawks : 83  
Rochester Royals : 121 , Boston Celtics : 110  

On April 10, 1955 the Syracuse Nationals won the NBA finals.

**Football**

No games were played on this day. On December 26, 1955 the Cleveland Browns won the NFL championship.

**Baseball**

No games were played on this day. On October 4, 1955 the Brooklyn Dodgers won the World Series.
Hockey

Montreal Canadiens : 5 , Chicago Blackhawks : 3
Toronto Maple Leafs : 3 , Detroit Red Wings : 1
Boston Bruins : 3 , New York Rangers : 1

On April 14, 1955 the Detroit Red Wings won the Stanley Cup playoffs.
Guests
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My Birthday Facts

What happened on your birthday?

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