



Buddy Holly

* Full name is Charles Hardin Holley from Lubbock, Texas

* While singing in his high school choir, he turned to rock n roll after seeing a young Elvis Presley perform in 1955



* Buddy Holly later opened up for Bill Haley & The Comets

* In 1956 he changed his name from Holley to Holly when he signed with Decca Records

* Later in 1956 he formed his own band called The Crickets

* Something highly unusual was that Buddy Holly had two recording contracts with the same record company...one as a member of The Crickets and one as a solo artist



* 1957
That'll Be The Day
(The Crickets)

* Buddy Holly won over black audiences while playing at the Apollo Theater in New York

* 1957 *Peggy Sue*

* 1958 *"Oh, Boy!"*

* Feb. 3, 1959 – After a late night performance Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper died in a plane crash just outside of Clear Lake, Iowa



* Feb. 3 became known as "the day the music died"

* Buddy Holly recorded so much music before his death, that his records were still being released 10 years after his death


