



Elvis Presley

* Born Elvis Aaron Presley on Jan. 8 1935 in East Tupelo, Mississippi to Gladys & Vernon Presley

* Entered first talent contest at age 10 & wins 2nd place



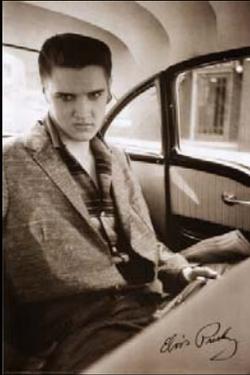


* Starts to learn to play guitar at age 12

* Tried out for football team was cut because he didn't want to trim his sideburn or cut his hair

* In his spare time he starts to hang out in the black section of town, near Beale Street

* 1953 Graduate from Humes High School in Memphis, Tennessee



* July 1954 Elvis has "That's All Right" played by a local Memphis DJ

* The audience response was so overwhelming the radio broadcast that the station brought Elvis in for an interview later that night

* March 1955 Elvis makes his television debut on a local TV broadcast of the Louisiana Hayride (country music show)



* Sept. 1955 Colonel Tom Parker starts to help Elvis with his tour engagements. Elvis also gets his first #1 country record called "Mystery Train"

* Colonel Parker negotiated RCA Records to purchase Elvis's contract from Sun records \$35,000



* Elvis's performances were starting to cause riots partly due to his "inappropriate" moves/dancing on stage

* When Colonel Parker negotiated Elvis's new contract with RCA, he also negotiated a \$5,000 advance (which Elvis used to purchase his mother a pink Cadillac)

* 1956 After signing with RCA Records he became a national star and went to Nashville to record his first album



* 1956 *Heartbreak Hotel*

* Colonel Parker was to receive 25% of Elvis's earnings

* Jan. 1956 Colonel Parker officially becomes Elvis's manager

* Started to appear on national television shows





* 1956 *Blue Suede Shoes*

* 1956 *Love Me Tender*

* 1956 *Don't Be Cruel*



* Received the nickname "Elvis the Pelvis" because of his "suggestive" dance moves

* 1956 Started filming the movie "*Love Me Tender*"

* 1956 *Love Me Tender*

* 1956 Elvis performs in Las Vegas for the first time

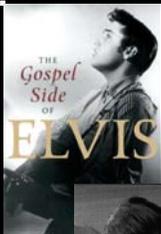


* Elvis goes on the Milton Berle Show and performs "Hound Dog". Days after the show there is an uproar over Elvis's performance.



* 1956 *Hound Dog*

* In order to subdue the backlash he received from his Milton Berle show performance, Elvis goes on the Steve Allan Show dressed in a tuxedo and sings "*Hound Dog*" to a real hound dog



* Elvis was a spiritual person and gospel music played a big part of his upbringing



* *How Great Thou Are*

* *Stand By Me*



* In March 1957 Elvis purchases Graceland



* Graceland was an abandoned church

* Elvis converted it into a 23 bedroom mansion



* 1957 Elvis makes another movie called "Jailhouse Rock"

* 1957 *All Shook Up*

* 1957 *Jailhouse Rock*

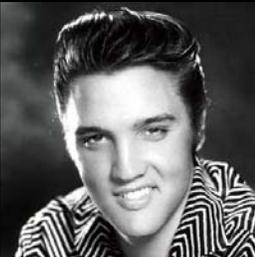


* 1958 Elvis was drafted into the Army and was stationed in Germany

* While in Germany Elvis meets Priscilla Beaulieu

* Jan. 1960 Elvis is discharged from the Army

* Dec. 1960 Priscilla visits Elvis in Graceland and in early Jan. 1961 she moved in



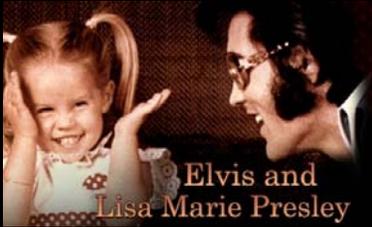
* March 1961 Elvis quits performing and makes nothing but movies for the next 8 years

* Songs from movies were not very good but Elvis was making 1 million dollars for each movie he was in



* May 1967 Elvis and Priscilla were married in Las Vegas

* 1968 Lisa Marie Presley is born





* Aug. 16, 1977 Elvis Presley dies in his home at Graceland
