



Handout 1 - A Timetable of Important Events in the 1960s

Year	The Beatles	Social & Political Movements	The Vietnam War
1962	The Beatles play shows in pubs and small clubs at the rate of nearly 30 per month	After much controversy, the first African-American student attends the university of Mississippi	Troop level: 11,300 "special advisors" U.S. casualties: 52
1963	<i>Please Please Me</i> , The Beatles first full-length album, is released in the U.K. (Mar 2) <i>With The Beatles</i> is released (Nov 22)	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his "I have a dream" speech to the participants of the March on Washington, D.C. (Aug 28) amidst growing violence against blacks in the South President John F. Kennedy is assassinated	Troop level: 16,300 "special advisors" U.S. casualties: 118
1964	The Beatles appear on the Ed Sullivan Show (Feb 9) <i>A Hard Day's Night</i> is released (Jul 10) The Beatles refuse to play to a segregated audience in Florida & concert organizers honor their wishes (Sep) <i>Beatles for Sale</i> is released (Dec 4)	Civil Rights Act of 1964 is passed, outlawing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wins the Nobel Peace Prize	Troop level: 23,300 "special advisors" U.S. casualties: 206 Congress passes the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, authorizing the official use of military force in Vietnam.
1965	<i>Help!</i> is released (Aug 6) <i>Rubber Soul</i> is released (Dec 3)	Congress passes the Voting Rights Act, prohibiting racial discrimination in voting Malcolm X is assassinated (Feb 21)	Troop level: 184,300 U.S. Troops U.S. casualties: 1,863



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1966	<p>Revolver is released (Aug)</p> <p>The Beatles perform their last public concert at Candlestick Park in San Francisco, CA (Aug 29)</p>	<p>The black nationalist and socialist organization, the Black Panther Party, is formed in Oakland, CA</p>	<p>Troop level: 385,300 U.S. Troops U.S. casualties: 6,143</p>
1967	<p>Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band is released (Jun 1)</p> <p>The film <i>Magical Mystery Tour</i> us aired on T.V. (Dec 25)</p>	<p>159 "Race riots" occur in the United States. The largest of which took place in Newark, New Jersey and Detroit, Michigan</p> <p>The "Summer of Love" is begun by a widely publicized January sit-in protest in San Francisco, which inspires thousands of young people to descend on major U.S. cities later that year.</p>	<p>Troop level: 485,600 U.S. Troops U.S. casualties: 11,153</p>
1968	<p>Magical Mystery Tour (album) is released (Jan)</p> <p>White Album is released (Nov 22)</p>	<p>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated (April 4)</p> <p>Congress passes the Civil Rights Act of 1968, prohibiting discrimination in housing</p>	<p>Troop level: 536,100 U.S. Troops U.S. casualties: 16,592</p>
1969	<p>Yellow Submarine is released (Jan 17)</p> <p>The Beatles perform live for the last time, on a rooftop in London (Jan 30)</p> <p>Abbey Road is released (Sep 26)</p>	<p>Riots surrounding the Police raid of the Stonewall Inn in New York City, a known gay club, instigate the LGBT rights movement (June)</p> <p>The Woodstock Music Festival is held in Bethel, NY</p>	<p>Troop level: 475,200 U.S. Troops U.S. casualties: 11,616</p> <p>On October 15 across the United States, The Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam is held, 250,000 people march on Washington a month later. The war continues through April 1975.</p>