



Ritchie Valens Infographic Activity

An infographic is a visual representation of information which includes images and words. Use the facts and images below to create an infographic about Ritchie Valens.

- Richard Valenzuela was born in Los Angeles, California on May 13, 1941.
- He appeared again on *American Bandstand* on December 27, 1959.
- When he was young, he learned to play guitar.
- He went on tour with many famous musicians in January 1959.
- He joined the band The Silhouettes in October 1957.
- He died in a tragic plane crash with Buddy Holly and JP Richardson, also known as "The Big Bopper," on February 3, 1959. This sad day is known as the "The Day the Music Died"
- He signed a record contract with Del-Fi Records and changed his name to Ritchie Valens in May of 1958.
- He was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on May 11, 1990, over 30 years after his death.
- He released the song "Come On Let's Go" in July 1958.
- Ritchie Valens was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame 42 years after his death, on March 19, 2001.
- He appeared on *American Bandstand*, a very popular television show, on October 9, 1958.
- He released "Donna" and "La Bamba" on October 18, 1958.

