

Ritchie Valens Timeline Activity

A timeline is a way to show events in the order that they happened. On a separate page, create a timeline showing these important events for Rock and Roll Pioneer, Ritchie Valens. You can write or illustrate these events. Please make your timeline very colorful.

May 13, 1941: Richard Valenzuela is born in Los Angeles, California.

Early Years: As a kid, Valenzuela learns to play guitar.

October 19, 1957: Valenzuela joins the band The Silhouettes.

May 27, 1958: Valenzuela signs a record contract with Del-Fi Records. He changes his name to Ritchie Valens.

July 1958: Ritchie Valens releases the song “Come On Let’s Go.”

October 9, 1958: Valens appears on *American Bandstand*, a very popular television show.

October 18, 1958: Valens releases the songs “Donna” and “La Bamba.”

December 27, 1958: Valens appears again on *American Bandstand*.

January 1959: Valens goes on tour with many famous musicians.

February 3, 1959: Valens dies in a tragic plane crash.

May 11, 1990: Valens is honored with a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

March 19, 2001: Ritchie Valens is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Sample Timeline:

