

# A Look Back at 1968

## Political Events

Richard Nixon inaugurated as President	January
Eartha Kitt denounces Vietnam to Lady Bird Johnson	
North Korea seizes U.S.S. Pueblo	
Viet Cong launch the Tet Offensive	
Picture of Vietnam police chief executing Viet Cong officer	
Civil rights protests in South Carolina, Memphis and WI	
First Statewide Teachers Strike -- Florida	February
Kerner Commission issues report on 1967 Race Riots	February
LBJ beats Eugene McCarthy in New Hampshire primary	March
My Lai Massacre	March
Protests at Howard University erupt over Vietnam Draft and Afrocentrism	March
LBJ announces he will not seek re-election	March
Martin Luther King delivers "I've been to the Mountain-top" speech	April
MLK assassinated next day in Memphis	April
Shootout between Black Panthers and Oakland Police	April
LBJ signs Civil Rights Act of 1968	April
Columbia University students take over administration building in protest of Vietnam War	April
Draft/Vietnam protest in Selective Service office in Catonsville, Maryland	May
Robert F. Kennedy assassinated at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles	June
Gunfight with Black Militants in Cleveland, Ohio	July
First black Marine receives Medal of Honor	August
Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew receive GOP nomination	August
Widespread protests outside 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago	August
Hubert Humphrey and Edmund Muskie head 1968 Democrat ticket for president and vice president	August
Paris Peace talks begin	
Richard Nixon defeats Hubert Humphrey	November
Yale University announces it will admit women	November
U.S.S. Pueblo crew is released by DRPK after 11 months	December
Gold Standard is repealed	



USS Pueblo



The Tet Offensive

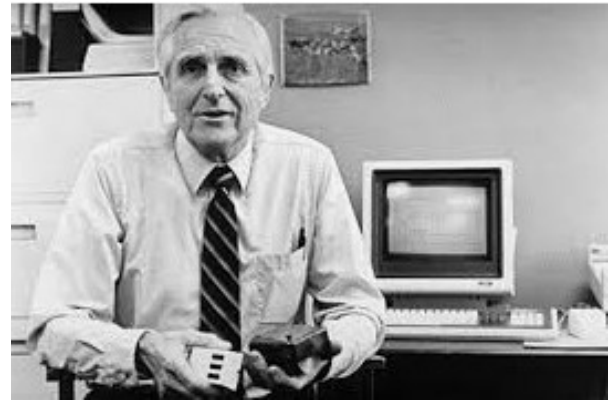


Robert F Kennedy

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## Space and Science

Apollo 6 is launched	April
Intel is opened	July
Apollo 7 is launched	October
Apollo 8 is launched into Lunar orbit	December
Douglas Engelbart demonstrates the World Wide Web. Later invents computer mouse	December



Computer scientist Douglas Engelbart

## Music and Entertainment

Hair opens on Broadway	April
60 Minutes debuts on CBS	Sept
Jimi Hendrix releases masterpiece Electric Ladyland	Oct
Oliver is released in U.S.	



Hair rules Broadway

## Top 10 Television Programs

1. Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In NBC
2. Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C. CBS
3. Bonanza NBC
4. Mayberry R.F.D. CBS
5. Family Affair CBS
6. Gunsmoke CBS
7. Julia NBC
8. The Dean Martin Show NBC
9. Here's Lucy CBS
10. The Beverly Hillbillies CBS

## Top Movies

- 2001: A Space Odyssey
- Once Upon a Time in the West
- Rosemary's Baby
- The Producers
- The Lion in Winter
- The Odd Couple
- Faces
- Planet of the Apes
- Night of the Living Dead
- Madigan
- Oliver!



The Beverly Hillbillies keep it real in tinseltown

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## Popular Culture

Rown & Martin Laugh-In debuts	January
Pennsylvania Railroad merges with New York Central to form Penn Central	
Andy Warhol survives shooting by feminist	June
Tommy Smith and John Carlos protest Vietnam with raised fists	October
Petula Clark touches Harry Bellefonte on television	
John Steinbeck dies	December



America's novelist John Steinbeck

## Top 10 Songs

- Hey Jude - The Beatles
- Love is Blue - Paul Mariat
- Honey - Bobby Goldsboro
- Sittin on the Dock of the Bay - Otis Redding
- People Got to be Free - The Rascals
- Sunshine of Your Love - Cream
- This Guy's in Love with You - Herb Alpert
- The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - Hugo Montenegro
- Mrs. Robinson - Simon and Garfunkel
- Tighten Up - Archie Bell and the Drells
- Harper Valley PTA - Jeannie C. Riley



Otis Redding...gone too soon

## Sports

Green Bay wins Super Bowl II - beat Oakland Raiders	Jan
Madison Square Garden opens	Feb
Detroit beats STL I World Series	
The Heidi Game - NBC cuts off the last 1.05 minutes of Oakland/ New York Jets came to air Heidi. Oakland scored two touch- downs to win.	Nov
Wimbledon won by Rod Laver and Billie Jean King	
Bob Goalby wins Masters	
Tennis US Open won by Arthur Ashe and Virginia Wade	
Kansas City Athletics move to Oakland	
Denny McLain is first pitcher to win 30 games	
Bob Beamon sets 23 year record in Long Jump	



Bob Beamon flies