

FREE BONUS PACK

Two Extra Rounds

For *The 70th Birthday Trivia Night*, 1956 edition — rounds 21 and 22, carrying on from the twenty in the book.

They work exactly like the printed rounds. Ten questions each, one point a question, read aloud slowly. The answers are on their own page so you can keep them turned away from the players.

Print it at 100% on ordinary letter paper. The type is deliberately large; if your printer offers “fit to page”, turn it off.

Every fact here was checked against two independent published sources, the same rule the book was built on. Where two sources disagreed, the question was cut or written to avoid the disputed detail rather than guessing — a few of those notes are printed beneath the answers.

Yours to print. Print as many copies as you like for your own family, party or group. Please don't sell it or post the file itself — send people to michaelpetitpas.ca/1956 instead, where it stays free.

One More Round

Ten questions, one point each.

- 1.** A 1956 children's novel by Dodie Smith follows two dogs called Pongo and Missis as they set out to rescue their stolen puppies. Disney filmed it five years later. What is the book called?
- 2.** Fats Domino's biggest pop hit reached number two in 1956 and is named after a hill. Name the song.
- 3.** On 3 November 1956 a seventeen-year-old film was shown on American television for the first time, on CBS. It became a family tradition. Which film?
- 4.** Weeks after Soviet tanks crushed the Hungarian uprising, Hungary met the USSR at the Melbourne Olympics in a semi-final so violent it is still called the “Blood in the Water” match. Hungary won 4-0 — at what sport?
- 5.** Grace Kelly's 1956 wedding gown was not bought — it was a parting gift from her film studio, designed by its own costume department. Which studio?

ROUND 21 · ONE MORE ROUND

- 6.** On 11 August 1956 the American painter who made his name pouring and flinging paint across canvases on the floor died in a car crash on Long Island. Name him.
- 7.** The bandleader known as the “Sentimental Gentleman of Swing” — the man who gave the young Frank Sinatra his first big break — died in November 1956. Name him.
- 8.** Ford's 1956 “Lifeguard” safety package offered, as a \$9 option years ahead of any legal requirement, what now-universal piece of car equipment?
- 9.** The 1956 Nobel Prize in Physics went to three men — Bardeen, Brattain and Shockley — for discovering an effect that led to a device now inside every phone and computer. What device?
- 10.** On 23 March 1956 a new constitution turned a British dominion into the world's first Islamic republic. Which country?

ANSWERS — HOST PAGE · ROUND 21

- 1.** The Hundred and One Dalmatians.
- 2.** “Blueberry Hill”.
- 3.** The Wizard of Oz. It aired as the last instalment of Ford Star Jubilee.
- 4.** Water polo, on 6 December 1956. Hungary went on to take the gold medal.
- 5.** MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer). The designer was Helen Rose.
- 6.** Jackson Pollock.
- 7.** Tommy Dorsey, on 26 November 1956, aged 51.
- 8.** Seat belts.
- 9.** The transistor. The citation was for their research on semiconductors and the discovery of the transistor effect.
- 10.** Pakistan.

Editorial notes. How the sourcing was handled.

- 8.** The Henry Ford museum's catalogue entry gives the \$9 price; Wikipedia's Lifeguard (automobile safety) article independently describes the same optional lap-belt package.

The Last Word on 1956

Ten questions, one point each.

- 1.** A thirteen-year-old from Harlem sang lead on a 1956 debut single that went to number one on the R&B chart and made him one of the first teenage pop stars. Name the singer or the song.
- 2.** Elvis Presley's 1956 monster hit “Hound Dog” was not written for him — it was written years earlier for Big Mama Thornton by a young songwriting partnership. Name either writer.
- 3.** In 1956 a team beat the Detroit Red Wings in five games to win the Stanley Cup — the first of five in a row, a record no club has matched. Name the team.
- 4.** For 1956, Time magazine gave its Man of the Year title not to a named person but to an anonymous type — someone who had faced down Soviet tanks that autumn. Who?
- 5.** In September 1956 cancer killed an American who had won Olympic track gold in 1932 and then became the dominant woman in golf. Name her.

ROUND 22 · THE LAST WORD ON 1956

- 6.** True or false: West Germany formally joined NATO in 1956, five years after the alliance was founded.
- 7.** True or false: boxer Sugar Ray Robinson won the world middleweight title for a record fifth time in 1956.
- 8.** On 30 November 1956 CBS did something for the first time that changed television forever: it recorded the evening news in New York and played the recording back three hours later for the West Coast. What technology had just arrived?
- 9.** In 1956 IBM shipped the first commercial version of a machine now in almost every computer — fifty spinning 24-inch discs in a cabinet weighing over a ton. What had IBM invented?
- 10.** The Palme d'Or at Cannes in 1956 went to an underwater documentary co-directed by a famous diver and a 24-year-old who remains the youngest winner of the prize. Name the diver or the film.

ANSWERS — HOST PAGE · ROUND 22

- 1.** Frankie Lymon, singing “Why Do Fools Fall in Love” with the Teenagers.
- 2.** Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller.
- 3.** The Montreal Canadiens. They won the Cup every year from 1956 to 1960.
- 4.** The Hungarian Freedom Fighter.
- 5.** Babe Didrikson Zaharias, on 27 September 1956, aged 45.
- 6.** False — West Germany joined NATO on 9 May 1955.
- 7.** False — he won it for the fifth time in 1958, beating Carmen Basilio.
- 8.** Videotape — an Ampex videotape recorder, used on Douglas Edwards and the News.
- 9.** The hard disk drive — the IBM 350, part of the RAMAC system.
- 10.** Jacques-Yves Cousteau; the film was The Silent World, co-directed with Louis Malle.

Editorial notes. How the sourcing was handled.

2. The two sources disagree on whether Big Mama Thornton recorded it in 1952 or 1953, so the question does not state a year for her version. Both agree on the writers and on Elvis's 1956 release.

4. Time's cover of 7 January 1957 is captioned “Hungarian Patriot, Man of the Year”; the title is more commonly cited as the Hungarian Freedom Fighter. Accept either.

9. Sources give the capacity as both “5 million characters” and “3.75 MB”, so no capacity figure is stated in the question.

Where these came from

Every question was checked against two independent published sources before it went in. The full source list for all twenty is below, in the order the questions appear.

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