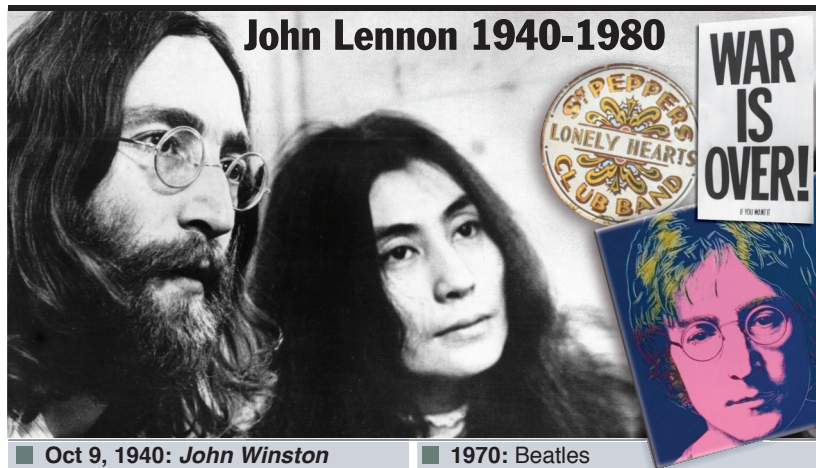


John Lennon 1940-1980



■ **Oct 9, 1940:** **John Winston Lennon** born in Liverpool, England. Only child of **Julia** and **Alfred Lennon**

■ **1957:** Forms **Quarrymen** skiffle-rock group with **Paul McCartney**. **George Harrison** joins one year later

■ **1960-62:** With name changed to **The Beatles**, they perform over 280 gigs at Hamburg rock clubs

■ **1962:** Beatles – now with **Ringo Starr** on drums – release first single, **Love Me Do**. Lennon marries **Cynthia Powell**, son **Julian** born April 1963

■ **1964:** Hugely successful debut in U.S. leads to two years of constant touring and international stardom

■ **1965:** Beatles appointed MBEs in Queen's Birthday Honours list

■ **1966:** Lennon states that Beatles are more popular than Jesus, setting off backlash against group

■ **1967:** **Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band** released

■ **1968:** John and Cynthia divorce

■ **1969:** Lennon marries **Yoko Ono**. **Give Peace a Chance** recorded. Lennon returns his MBE in protest over Vietnam War

■ **1970:** Beatles break up. Lennon debuts solo album, **John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band**

■ **1971:** Lennon and Ono move to New York. **Imagine** released

■ **1972:** FBI starts investigation amid calls for Lennon's deportation over his links with anti-Vietnam War protestors. Lennon and Ono release **Sometime in New York City** – political album including songs about women's rights and race relations

■ **1973:** Lennon and Ono separate for 18 months

■ **1974:** Lennon releases album **Walls and Bridges**, which includes number one single, **Whatever Gets You Thru the Night**. Makes final concert appearance at Madison Square Garden with **Elton John**

■ **1975:** Deportation order overturned. Lennon and Yoko's son **Sean** born – Lennon takes break from music

■ **1980:** **Double Fantasy** released

■ **Dec 8, 1980:** John Lennon shot dead by deranged fan **Mark David Chapman** outside Lennon's Dakota building apartment in Manhattan