

Jimi Hendrix

Unable to read or write a note of music, *Jimi Hendrix* became one of the most innovative musicians of the 20th century, capturing the zeitgeist of the Sixties

■ **Nov 27, 1942:** *Johnny Allen Hendrix* born in Seattle, United States. Parents divorce when he is nine years old

■ **1958:** Hendrix joins his first band, *The Velvetones*

■ **1962-65:** After year in U.S. Army, Hendrix works as session guitarist under name *Jimmy James*. Performs in backing bands for soul, blues and R&B artists including *Sam Cooke* and *Wilson Pickett*. Forms his own band, *Blue Flame*

■ **1966:** Hendrix moves to London, forms *Jimi Hendrix Experience* with drummer *Mitch Mitchell* and bass player *Noel Redding*. Debut single, *Hey Joe*, reaches number 6 in British charts

■ **1967:** First album *Are You Experienced* shoots to number 2 in UK, behind Beatles' Sgt. Pepper. Groundbreaking album combines wah-wah, fuzz, feedback and other cutting-edge effects

■ **1968:** Hendrix records *Axis: Bold As Love* and *Electric Ladyland* – third and final album of new material by Jimi Hendrix Experience



■ **1969:** His rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner* at Woodstock Festival whips mud-soaked audience into a frenzy

■ **1970:** Hendrix records live album, *Band of Gypsies*

■ **Sep 18, 1970:** Jimi Hendrix dies from drug-related asphyxia at age of 27