

The Beatles Fact Sheet

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John Lennon

Born 9th October 1940. John was brought up in Liverpool by his Aunt Mimi and Uncle George. He did not like school very much and used to spend his time drawing lots of cartoons. His Aunt asked John's headmaster to write a letter of recommendation for John to the Liverpool Art College, because of his drawings. Here, he became more interested in music and started his own band called the Quarrymen. He met Paul McCartney in 1955.

Paul McCartney

Born 18th June, 1942 in Liverpool. Music was always a part of the McCartney household. Before the war, Paul's father was a Cotton salesman during the day and a jazz musician by night. Both Paul and his brother Michael, received Piano lessons. His mother Mary died of cancer when he was fourteen, while the two brothers were away at camp.

When the musical style Skiffle became the craze Paul's dad saved £15 to buy Paul a guitar. Paul's friend Ivan Vaughan (a member of the Quarrymen) invited Paul along to see the band he played in. Later in the afternoon, after hearing the Quarrymen play, Paul picked up a guitar and played. he impressed the Quarrymen. The others asked him a few days later to join the band.



Answer questions in full

- Q1. Name all of the bands that the different Beatles played in before the Beatles.
- Q2. Write a paragraph to show how each of the Beatles met.
- Q3. Write a clear summary to show the important facts about the Beatles:
when they were born, info about their family etc...

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George Harrison

Born 25th February, 1943, making him the youngest of the Beatles. father Harold was a bus driver, and mother a housewife. When the Skiffle craze hit Liverpool, George and his brother formed a band.



George and Paul were school friends and spent many hours practising guitar together. In 1956, Paul introduced George to the Quarrymen, but he was not old enough to join. He filled in as guitarist a few times when the regular guitarist did not turn up. Gradually, he became a member of the band.

Ringo Starr

Richard Starkey was born in a small two-story terraced house in Liverpool, on July 7th, 1940. His father was a dock worker. Ringo was a happy child but had to spend a lot of time in hospital, for appendicitis at 6, at which time he went into a coma for 2 months, a cold developed into pleurisy when he was 13, causing him to miss a lot of school. he could barely write and read by 15.

He started his own band in 1957 called The Eddie Clayton Skiffle Group. He then joined The Raving Texans in 1959. During this time he got the nickname Ringo, because of the rings he wore, and Starr so that his drum solos could be seen as "Star Time".

Ringo first met the Beatles in Hamburg in October 1960. He joined the Beatles on August 18, 1962, replacing Pete Best.

