



# What events and people made the 1960's a memorable decade?



## Key Questions

- What was it like living in Britain during the 1960's?
- What was the 1960's popular culture?
- What memorable events happened during the 1960's and why were they so significant? (e.g. England winning the world cup, First man on the moon, Beatlemania)
- Who were the famous people of the 1960's and why? (e.g. Neil Armstrong, Andy Warhol, Martin Luther King, The Beatles, Mary Quant)
- Why were the 1960's called the swinging sixties?

## Background Information

The 1960's refers to the years from the beginning of 1960 to the end of 1969. It is known as the Swinging Sixties and is associated with the birth of British pop music and fashion. It was a decade of rapid and revolutionary change in popular culture and politics. Young people were finally given a voice and freedom to do what they wanted. The parents of the Sixties teenage generation had spent their youth fighting for their lives in the Second World War and wanted their own children to enjoy their youth and be able to have more fun and freedom. By the early 1960s, teenagers were already significantly different to those of a decade ago. The sixties began bleak and restricted, but by the end, people were full of hope and optimism for a better future.

## Key Vocabulary

**Decade:** a period of ten years

**Culture:** the customs and beliefs, art, way of life and social organisation of a particular country or group.

**Memorable:** special, good or unusual and therefore worth remembering or easy to remember.

**Significant:** large or important enough to have an effect or to be noticed.

**Modern:** of the present or recent time/new and intended to be different from traditional styles.



**Change:** to become different.

**Popular:** liked or enjoyed by a large number of people.

**Freedom:** the right to do or say as you want without anyone stopping you.

**Event:** a thing that happens, especially something that is important.

**Famous:** known about by many people.

**Revolutionary:** involving a great or complete change

