The Headlines and Key Facts of 1957

On the National Scene

- 1957
  Maya Angelou records her first album Miss Calypso
  This reissue was probably motivated by the exotica-space age pop revival. The cover, after all, features Angelou draped in a slip of a red dress,... Read more

- 1957
  Inland Steel Building Built
  The Inland Steel Building, located at 30 W. Monroe Street in Chicago, is one of the defining commercial high-rises of the post-World War II era of... Read more

- 1957
  Albert Camus is Awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature
  The Nobel Prize in Literature 1957 was awarded to Albert Camus "for his important literary production, which with clear-sighted earnestness... Read more

- 1957 to 1958
  U.S. scientist Charles Keeling measures carbon dioxide in the atmosphere
  U.S. scientist Charles Keeling sets up stations to measure carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere at the South Pole and at Mauna Loa,... Read more

- 1957
  Theodor Seuss Geisel Founds Beginner Books
  By 1939, she realized acting was not her future, so she moved to New York, joined the advertising agency of McCann Erickson and began writing radio... Read more

- 1957
  Automobiles
  Ford Skyliner is First Produced
  The Ford Skyliner was an innovative full-size automobile with a retractable hardtop produced by the Ford Motor Company in the late 1950s. Based on... Read more
  Ford Ranchero is First Produced
  The Ford Ranchero was a sedan-based pickup truck produced between 1957 and 1979. Unlike a pickup truck, the Ranchero was adapted from a station... Read more
  Ford Del Rio is First Produced
  The Ford Del Rio was a full-size station wagon produced by the Ford Motor Company in the United States for model years 1957 and 1958. The model was... Read more
  Ford C-Series is First Produced
  The Ford C-Series was a medium-duty cab over truck built by the Ford Motor Company between 1957 and 1990. While advertisers boasted of its... Read more
  Chrysler Royal is First Produced
  The Chrysler Royal was an automobile produced by the Chrysler division of the Chrysler Corporation between 1937 to 1942 and 1946 to 1950. The Royal... Read more
News Throughout the Year

- Jan 5 1957  
  Jackie Robinson retires from baseball  
  Jackie Robinson decided to retire from baseball after the 1956 season. He accepted a job offer from the Chock Full O' Nuts restaurant chain in New... Read more

- Jan 10 1957  
  T. S. Eliot Marries Esme Valerie Fletcher  
  Valerie Eliot, née Fletcher, who in middle age resembled Margaret Thatcher, was not a conventionally pretty girl, but in letters written in the... Read more

- Jan 21 1957  
  Dwight Eisenhower's second inauguration  
  January 20 occurred on a Sunday, so the President took the oath in the East Room at the White House that morning. The next day he repeated the... Read more

- Feb 1 1957  
  Northeast Airlines Flight 823 Crashes  
  After what was described as a normal takeoff roll, the aircraft lifted off. Upon establishing a positive rate of climb, the landing gear and wing... Read more

- Feb 13 1957  
  "Funny Face" Is Released  
  Funny Face is an American musical film released in 1957 in VistaVision Technicolor, with assorted songs by George and Ira Gershwin. The film was... Read more

- Mar 12 1957  
  'The Cat In The Hat' is Published  
  Ted thought it would be a simple matter to turn out a book, but seven months and much throwing of the manuscript across the room [another "thinking... Read more

- Mar 23 1957  
  North Carolina Beats Kansas in Final Four  
  The 1957 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament involved 23 schools playing in single-elimination play to determine the national champion of... Read more

- Apr 4 1957 to Apr 7 1957  
  Doug Ford wins the 21st Masters Tournament  
  Doug Ford first played The Masters in 1952, and he last played it in 2001. That's 49 times playing The Masters, which was the record for most... Read more
• Apr 16 1957  
  Montreal Canadiens win Stanley Cup  
The 1957 Stanley Cup Final NHL championship series was contested by the defending champion Montreal Canadiens and the Boston Bruins. The Canadiens...  Read more

• May 1 1957  
  'The Town' Is Published  
The Town (1957) is the second novel in the Snopes trilogy that began with The Hamlet (included in Novels 1936–1940). Here the rise of the rapacious...  Read more

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• May 24 1957  
  Mid-South Tornado Outbreak  
A tornado outbreak occurred on May 24, 1957 from west eastern New Mexico into central Oklahoma. Like typical plains tornadoes, the tornadoes...  Read more

• May 27 1957  
  "That'll be the Day" by the Crickets is Released  
On May 27, "That'll Be The Day" was released as a single, credited to the Crickets to try to bypass Decca's claimed legal rights. When the song...  Read more

• May 28 1957  
  "A Face In The Crowd" Is Released  
A Face in the Crowd (1957) is a motion picture starring Andy Griffith, Patricia Neal, and Walter Matthau, and directed by Elia Kazan. The...  Read more

• Jun 13 1957  
  "The Prince and the Showgirl" is released  
When Grandduke Charles, the prince-regent of Carpatha, a fictitious Balkan country which could start a European war by switching alliances, visits...  Read more

• Jun 25 1957  
  Hurricane Audrey  
Hurricane Audrey was the first major hurricane of the 1957 Atlantic hurricane season. Audrey was the only storm to reach Category 4 status in June....  Read more

• Jun 30 1957  
  "Love In The Afternoon" Is Released  
Love in the Afternoon is a 1957 romantic comedy starring Audrey Hepburn, Gary Cooper, and Maurice Chevalier, and directed by Billy Wilder. It...  Read more

• Jul 6 1957  
  John Lennon meets Paul McCartney  
In March 1957 John Lennon formed a skiffle group called The Quarrymen. McCartney met Lennon on 6 July 1957, and agreed to join the group a few days...  Read more

• Jul 6 1957  
  Althea Gibson Wins The Women's Singles Title At Wimbledon
On July 6, 1957, Althea Gibson won the women's singles title at Wimbledon. She was the first African American to win a tennis championship at the... Read more

- Jul 9 1957
  The first official Quarry Men performance
  The first "official" public, albeit unsuccessful, performance by The Quarry Men - they failed to impress when they auditioned before the promoter... Read more

- Jul 17 1957
  "A Hatful Of Rain" Is Released
  A Hatful of Rain is a 1957 dramatic film. It stars Eva Marie Saint, Don Murray, Anthony Franciosa, Lloyd Nolan and Henry Silva. The... Read more

- Jul 18 1957
  "Silk Stockings" Is Released
  Silk Stockings is a 1957 MGM musical film remake of Ninotchka. It was directed by Rouben Mamoulian and starred Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse. The... Read more

- Jul 25 1957
  Republic of Tunisia Proclaimed
  Nationalist agitation forced France to recognize Tunisian independence and sovereignty in 1956. The constituent assembly deposed the bey on July... Read more

- Sep 1957
  Joe Biden attends Archmere Academy
  Biden went to the Archmere Academy in Claymont, where he was a standout halfback/wide receiver on the high school football team; he helped lead a... Read more

- Sep 4 1957
  Nine black students are prevented from entering formerly all-white Little Rock Central High School by the Arkansas National Guard
  The Little Rock Nine was a group of African-American students who were enrolled in Little Rock Central High School in 1957. The ensuing Little Rock... Read more

- Sep 5 1957
  'On The Road' is Published
  The story is set in the late 1940s. told in the first person by Sal Paradise, a budding writer given to ecstasies about America, hot jazz, the... Read more

- Sep 9 1957
  President Eisenhower Signs the Civil Rights Act of 1957
  The Civil Rights Act of 1957, primarily a voting rights bill, was the first civil rights legislation enacted by Congress in the United States since... Read more

- Sep 12 1957
  "A King in New York" (film) is Released
  A King in New York is a 1957 film directed by and starring Charles Chaplin in his last leading role, which presents a satirical view of certain... Read more

- Oct 2 1957 to Oct 10 1957
  1957 World Series
  The 1957 World Series featured the defending champions, the New York Yankees (American League), playing against the Milwaukee Braves (National... Read more
- **Oct 2 1957**
  *"The Bridge On The River Kwai" Is Released*
  The Bridge on the River Kwai is a 1957 British World War II film by David Lean based on the novel The Bridge over the River Kwai by French writer... [Read more]

- **Oct 4 1957**
  *Soviet Union Launches Sputnik 1 Satellite*
  Sputnik 1 was the world's first Earth-orbiting artificial satellite. It was launched into a low altitude elliptical orbit by the Soviet Union on 4... [Read more]

- **Oct 10 1957**
  *'Atlas Shrugged' is Published*
  Atlas Shrugged (1957) is a mystery story, Ayn Rand once commented, "not about the murder of man’s body, but about the murder—and rebirth—of man’s... [Read more]

- **Oct 15 1957**
  *Elvis releases Elvis' Christmas Album*
  Elvis' Christmas Album is the fourth album by Elvis Presley on RCA Victor Records, LPM 1951, released in October 1957, and recorded at Radio... [Read more]

- **Oct 16 1957**
  *Antonio Villas Boas Abducted from Brazilian Farm*
  Believe or not, a sexual intercourse was engaged by her. Such relationship was short, but normal (if we can say so). His "pleasure" was sometimes... [Read more]

- **Oct 17 1957**
  *"Jailhouse Rock" Is Released*
  Jailhouse Rock is an American motion picture directed by Richard Thorpe, released by MGM on October 17, 1957. The film stars Elvis Presley (his... [Read more]

- **Oct 22 1957**
  *Françoi"Papa Doc" Duvalier is Elected President of Haiti by a Vote of 1,320,748 to Zero Magloire resigned the presidency in December, 1956, leaving Haiti to be ruled by a succession of provisional governments. Through an election... [Read more]

- **Nov 3 1957**
  *Soviet Union Launches Sputnik 2*
  The Soviet Union went on to launch a series of additional Sputnik satellites. Sputnik 2, for example, carried a dog into space, named Laika.... [Read more]

- **Nov 4 1957**
  *Agatha Christie publishes 4.50 from Paddington*
  4.50 from Paddington is detective fiction novel by Agatha Christie, first published in the UK by the Collins Crime Club on November 4 1957, and in... [Read more]

- **Nov 8 1957**
  *Pan Am's Clipper Romance Of The Skies Crashes*
  Pan Am Flight 7, registration N90944, Clipper Romance Of The Skies, was an around-the-world-flight originating in San Francisco that flew westbound... [Read more]

- **Nov 15 1957**
  *Aquila Airways' City of Sydney Crashes*
The aircraft, an Aquila Airways Short Solent 3 flying boat named the City of Sydney, registered G-AKNU, departed Southampton Water at 22:46 on a...

- Nov 24 1957
  *'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' is Published*
  In 1957, at the age of 53, Seuss published The Grinch, and thousands of children first discovered the story of the Whos -- an endlessly cheerful...
  Read more

- Nov 27 1957
  *Caroline Bouvier Kennedy is Born*
  A year after her parents had a stillborn daughter, Caroline Kennedy was born in New York City, and is named after her maternal aunt Caroline Lee...
  Read more

- Nov 29 1957
  *Lise Mayer Is Born*
  Lise Mayer (born November 29, 1957) is a television and film writer. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, in the United States, and is best known as...
  Read more

- Dec 1 1957
  *New York City Ballet Debuts "Agon"*
  On December 1, 1957, the New York City Ballet debuted Agon, a collaboration between composer Igor Stravinsky and choreographer George Balanchine....
  Read more

- Dec 4 1957
  *Lewisham Rail Crash*
  Owing to the disorganisation of the train services by the fog, both the trains were crowded, and it is estimated that there were nearly 1,500...
  Read more

- Dec 5 1957
  *
  "Sayonara" Is Released
  Sayonara is 1957 color (Technicolor) American film. It tells the story of an American Air Force flier who was a fighter "Ace" during the Korean...
  Read more

- Dec 10 1957
  *Lester B. Pearson is Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize*
  Lester Bowles "Mike" Pearson, PC, OM, CC, OBE (April 23, 1897 – December 27, 1972) was a Canadian statesman, diplomat and politician who won the...
  Read more

- Dec 11 1957
  *John Crow Wins Heisman Trophy*
  Crow, despite suffering some early season injuries in 1957 that cause him to appear in only 7 games, carried the ball 129 times for 562 yards...
  Read more

- Dec 25 1957
  *
  "Paths Of Glory" Is Released
  Paths of Glory (1957) is a war film by Stanley Kubrick based on the novel of the same name by Humphrey Cobb. The book had no title when it was...
  Read more

- Dec 26 1957
  *Durmot Murnaghan Is Born*
  Dermot Murnaghan (born 26 December 1957) is a British journalist and television presenter. He is well known for his work as a presenter of ITV...
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