

**ELVIS PRESLEY INTERACTIVE DIALOG EXERCISE**

**TEAM B**

**Title:** History

My parents and I purchased Graceland for \$102,500 on March 25, 1957. It was located on what was then the outskirts of south Memphis. Ruth Brown Moore and her husband Dr. Thomas D. Moore built Graceland in the 1940s; the architects were Max Furbringer and Merrill Ehrman. Graceland was 10,000 square feet when my parents and I purchased it, and we renovated it to 17,552 square feet.

**Graceland + (where or when built or how big or value or designer or cost or size or large or Memphis and Tennessee)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about the interior of Graceland? ([Graceland/3](#))

## GRACELAND/2

**Title:** Open to the Public

You enter Graceland through a Musical Gate, and about 70,000 people visit every year. The upstairs living quarters are off limits to tourists and only my family and friends resided there or still reside there out of respect.

**Graceland + (guarded or gates or tours or living quarters)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about when I bought Graceland? ([Graceland/1](#))

**Title:** Theme Rooms

Graceland while being conservatively flamboyant does have one or two theme rooms, I threw many parties in the Jungle Room and I also had my Billiards Room, the Meditation Gardens and the Raquetball Court.

**Graceland + (rooms or specialty or themes)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Do you want to know more about the parties that I threw? ([Graceland/5](#))

**Title:** Garage

It is true that I loved cars, but in 1960, I converted Graceland's four-car garage into an apartment because I preferred to keep my famous fleet of Cadillacs "all out front, ready to go."

**Graceland + (garage or cars)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my cars? ([Legend/2](#))

**Title:** Parties

I regularly threw movie parties at Graceland for my friends and costars. late-night parties and informal gatherings of my court were the norm at Graceland.

**Graceland + (parties or guests or famous or visitors)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my movie career? ([Movies/1](#))

**Title:** After Death

I died at Graceland on August 16, 1977. My will appointed my father, Vernon Presley, who had long handled my personal, non-career business affairs, as executor and trustee. The beneficiaries were my grandmother, Minnie Mae Presley; my father, Vernon Presley; and my only child, Lisa Marie Presley. My will provided that my father could, at his discretion, provide funds to other family members as needed. My father died in 1979. My grandmother died in 1880. This left my daughter as the sole heir to the estate. My will stated that her inheritance was to be held in trust for her until her twenty-fifth birthday, February 1, 1993.

**Graceland + (death or will or inheritance)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about Lisa Marie? ([Family/8](#))

**Title:** Divorce

In early 1972 Priscilla and I separated. She moved out on her own with Lisa Marie. In July, our separation was formalized. On October 9th, 1973 Priscilla and I make a court appearance together and our divorce was granted.

**Wife + (Priscilla or divorce)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my marriage to Priscilla? ([Women/7](#))



**Title:** Famous Girlfriends

I had relationships with many of my famous leading ladies including Natalie Wood, Connie Stevens, Ann-Margret, Juliet Prowse, Debra Paget, and Anne Helm. I also had a relationship with Cybil Shepard.

**Famous girlfriends + (costars or cheat or women or how many)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about the woman I would eventually marry? ([Women/6](#))

**Title: Sex**

In the early part of my life and career, I was very God-fearing and respectful about sex. During my military service in Germany, I discovered prostitutes and picked up the intense fear of sexually transmitted diseases which led to claims that I had a morbid fear of sexual penetration. However, when I came back from the war, I began to throw full-blown orgy parties and indulged in womanizing.

**Sex, monogamy, cheat****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my famous girlfriends? ([Women/2](#))

**Title:** Love

Some of my off-screen loves, besides Priscilla, were Anita Wood, June Juanico (whom I nearly married in 1956), Julie Parrish, Linda Thompson whom I began to see 6 months after Priscilla left and was with me until the year before I died, and Ginger Alden my live-in girlfriend that found me when I died.

**Love + (wife or girlfriend or fans or women), death, discovery**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my attitudes about women? ([Women/5](#))

**Title:** Attitudes toward women

I was very sensitive, but also very macho, so to the public I appeared dominating over women. In the early years, I was God fearing a respectful of women, but when I came back from the Army I gained a reputation for womanizing.

**Women + (treat or respond or respect or love)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my attitudes toward monogamy? ([Women/3](#))

**Title: Met Wife**

I first met Priscilla Beaulieu in November of 1959. She was an only child of Navy pilot Jack Wagner who was killed in a plane crash when Priscilla was an infant.

**Women + (Meet Priscilla, Met Wife, Priscilla)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to hear about how we eventually got married? ([Women/7](#))

**Title: Wife**

I proposed to Priscilla in December of 1966 and we were married on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1967 at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas.

**Women + (Wife, Priscilla, Marriage, Engaged)**

**Hyperlinks:** Would you like to hear about when I met Priscilla? ([Women/6](#))

**Title:** Women's Toes

OK, so I like women's feet, it's true. To spare me the social scrutiny, I had a member from the Memphis Mafia find me ladies and inspect their feet for me. When the romance kicked in, I'd enjoy licking their toes.

**Women + (Feet or Women or Sex or Memphis Mafia)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about the Memphis Mafia? ([Character/3](#))

Would you like to know more about my relations with women? ([Women/1](#))

Would you like to know about my foot doctor? ([Myth/4](#))

**Title:** Service timeframe

I entered the United States Army at Memphis, Tennessee, on March 24, 1958, and then spent three days at the Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, Reception Station. I left active duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey, on March 5, 1960, and received my discharge from the Army Reserve on March 23, 1964.

**Military + (when or how long or year or branch or army or navy or airforce or marines)**

**Hyperlinks:** Do you want to hear about how I came to be a military man?  
([Military/2](#))



**Title:** Reason for joining

The Army drafted me and sent me to Germany with an armored reconnaissance team — I took this route instead of opting into the USO and entertaining the troops.

**Military + (decision or join or draft or enlist)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Do you want know when I entered the military? ([Military/1](#))

**Title:** Combat experience

I was assigned to the Third Armored "Spearhead" Division, whose motto was "Victory or Death". My troop train left Fort Hood for the Brooklyn Army Terminal where, on September 22, 1958, I boarded the U.S.S. Randall and sailed for Germany. Upon arrival I was assigned to the Ray Kaserne barracks. I served in Company C, a scout platoon.

**Military + (Germany or combat or platoon or soldiers or barracks)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Do you want to know if I was given any special treatment while in the army?  
([Military/6](#))

**Title:** Germany

My unit was stationed in Friedberg, Germany. While serving in Germany, I earned medals for marksmanship and in February 1960 I received my sergeant's stripes.

**Military + (stationed or Germany or rank)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about how I became interested in karate while stationed in Germany? ([Karate/2](#))

**Title:** Effect on career

When I entered the army, I was privately worried that my career was going to be over. However, upon my discharge, my popularity remained high. While in the military, I gained the respect of parents around the country and the parents stopped objecting to their children listening to my music. My manager, Col. Tom Parker, kept my career alive during my military service. On furlough after my basic training, I managed to squeeze in a quick Nashville recording session, my last session until the spring of 1960 after my discharge from active duty.

**Military + (music or career or popularity or last recording session)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Do you want to hear about the music I made after my discharge from the military? ([Music/8](#))

**Title:** Special Treatment

On January 8, 1957, my twenty-second birthday, the Memphis Draft Board held a press conference and announced I would be classified 1A and would probably be drafted sometime that year. At the time the U.S. was not involved in any conflicts or wars. With the news of my forthcoming induction, the Navy and the Air Force offered bids for my services - the Navy offering to create a specially trained "Elvis Presley company" and the Air Force thinking it would be good for me to tour their recruiting centers. I turned down their offers, not wanting any special treatment. I was going to serve like a regular G.I.

**Military + (special treatment or performance or troop morale)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my humble attitude? ([Charity/2](#))

**Title:** Influences

My musical influences were the pop and country music of the time, the gospel music I heard in church and at the all-night gospel sings I frequently attended, and the black R&B I absorbed on historic Beale Street as a Memphis teenager.

**Music + (liked or listened to or influenced by)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my childhood? ([High School/1](#))

**Title:** Beginnings

In 1954, I began my singing career with the legendary Sun Records label in Memphis. Although I was playing guitar and signing before that for my middle school farewell and high school talent show.

**Music + (began or first or started)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about the record labels I sang for? ([Music/5](#))

**Title:** Breakthrough

My first appearance at the Grand Old Opry in 1954 didn't go over so well, but an appearance later that year on the "Louisiana Hayride" led to a one-year contract. My first major breakthrough on the American pop scene was "Heartbreak Hotel" b/w "I Was the One". It sold over 300,000 copies in its first three weeks on the market. It was soon to go to number one on Billboard's pop singles chart for eight weeks and hit number one on the country chart and number five on the R&B chart. It became my first single to sell over one million copies, and earn me my very first gold record award.

**Music + (breakthrough or first hit or when or struggle or Grand Old Opry or Heartbreak Hotel)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my musical influences? ([Music/1](#))



**Title:** Accomplishments

I have sold over 1 billion albums globally. I have earned gold, platinum or multi-platinum awards for 148 different albums and singles. Among my awards and accolades were 14 Grammy nominations (3 wins) from the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, which I received at age 36.

**Music + (accomplishments or albums or how many or how often or awards or major hits or charts or favorite song)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about how I created music? ([Music/7](#))

**Title:** Record label

I started out at Sun Records, but my manager Col. Tom Parker wanted to move me away from Sun so he began some fancy negotiations. According to the legend, Parker hawked the contract to Decca, Mercury, Columbia and Atlantic - pitting them against one another to get progressively higher bids. Ultimately, RCA bought my Sun contract for \$40,000, a huge sum for that time. Because I was under 21 and therefore still a minor my father, Vernon, had to sign the contract.

**Music + (label or studio or record or process or manager)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my father, Vernon? ([Family/3](#))

**Title:** Promotion

My manager Tom Parker launched an incredible campaign to help me gain exposure. With all my television appearances and movie making, I did not perform in front of a live audience for 7 years during the 70s, though I was continually recording albums. In 1970, I have my first concert tour since 1957.

**Music + (promotion or tours or concerts or movies)**

**Hyperlinks:** Would you like to know more about my manager, Col. Tom Parker?  
([Music/14](#))

**Title:** Collaboration

The owner of Sun Records, Sam Phillips liked my sound so much that he paired me with local musicians Scotty Moore (guitar) and Bill Black (bass) to see if we, together, can come up with something worthwhile. We toured together gaining exposure and in 1955 Drummer D.J. Fontana joins my band. In 1956 the Jordanaires, a gospel quartet and popular country back-up group, begin working with me in the studio and soon begin touring with me as my main backup group. In 1965 I had an informal jam session with the Beatles. In 1968, after focusing on my movie career for 7 years, I reunited with two of my original fifties band members, guitarist Scotty Moore and drummer D.J. Fontana for a group jam session in '68 Special. Much of my work was also solo or with musicians other than those in my band.

**Music + (collaboration or band or solo or duet or group or Beatles)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my movie career? ([Movies/7](#))

Would you like to know more about me and the Beatles? ([Myth/5](#))

**Title:** After the Military

After my discharge from the Army I quickly began putting out music again. However, after 1960 I was also making from 3 to 4 movies a year, and during that period a large percent of my music was movie soundtracks.

**Music + (after discharge or after 1960 or movie soundtracks)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my musical accomplishments? ([Music/4](#))

**Title:** Las Vegas

In my early career Las Vegas did not want me, the audience thought I was too inappropriate. However, in 1969 I was booked for a four-week, fifty-seven show engagement at the International Hotel in Las Vegas. Throughout the 70s I played more and more shows in Las Vegas, even as my family life is falling apart.

**Music + (Las Vegas or late career)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Do you want to know about my divorce from Priscilla? ([Women/1](#))

**Title: First Singing Appearance**

My first public singing performance was when I was ten at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair and Dairy Show, where I sang 'Old Shep' (a song I later recorded.) By the way, I didn't win.

**Music + (First Song or Start or Beginning)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about my first job? ([Character/1](#))

Would you like to know about my experiences singing in church? ([Spirituality/2](#))

**Title: Fist Time On Stage**

The first time that I appeared on stage, it scared me to death. I really didn't know what all the yelling was about. I didn't realize that my body was moving. It's a natural thing to me. So to the manager backstage I said 'What'd I do? What'd I do?' And he said "Whatever it is, go back and do it again'.

**First + (Concert or Stage or event or performance or appearance)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about Elvis the Pelvis? ([Legend/4](#))



**Title:** First Album

My first album was released in 1956 and sold over one million copies. I was very surprised and excited about the possibilities.

**Music + (First Album or 1956)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my music? ([Music/1](#))

**Title:** Final Performance

My final performance was at Market Square Arena, Indianapolis on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1977.

**Music + (Final Performance or Last Concert or June 26<sup>th</sup> 1977)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about music awards that I won? ([Music/4](#))

**Title:** Tom Parker's History

My music manager, Col. Tom Parker was with me for many years. He was actually an illegal Dutch immigrant. His birth name was Andreas van Kuijk. He and I were real rags-to-riches success stories.

**Music + (Tom Parker or Music Manager or Rags to Riches)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about my rise to stardom? ([Music/6](#))

Would you like to know about my first guitar? ([Music/15](#))

Would you like to know more about music? ([Music/4](#))

**Title:** First Guitar

I got my first guitar in 1946. It cost \$12.95 at the Tupelo Hardware Store.

**Music + (First Guitar or Tupelo)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about my first album? ([Music/12](#))

Would you like to know about my costumes? ([Costume/1](#))

**Title:** Karate

I trained from 1970-1974 under Master Kang Ree in Memphis, TN. I was awarded a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Karate in 1973.

**Karate + (Martial arts, Master Kang Ree, Kang Ree Institute, Black belt, Ed Parker, Bill Wallace, Black belt, Pasaryu Karate Association, Golden Years)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know where I first learned the basic moves of martial arts?  
([Karate/2](#))

**Title:** Emerging interest

I became interested in martial arts during my time in the army. In March, 1958, I saw a demo of martial arts while in training at Fort Killeen, TX, but I did not pursue formal martial arts training until 1959, when I was stationed in Germany.

**Karate + (military or beginning or interest or why)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Do you want to know more about my military service in Germany? ([Military/4](#))

**Title:** Self-defense

Yes, I had to defend myself once. Back in 73' three men stormed the stage (it turned out they were into something pretty criminal and weird) and were promptly dispatched by me. There is an audio recording of the incident and you can hear me shouting, ""You want to shake my hand, that's one thing...but you want to get tough, I'll whup your ass!"

**Karate + (Black belt or Self-defense or Attacked or Concerts)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know which movies displayed my skills in martial arts?

[\(Movies/2\)](#)

**Title:** The Karate Years

I spent some of the happiest years in my life between 1970-1974. I call this four-year period of time my Golden Years – the years of peace and spiritual contentment for me.

**Karate + (Black belt, Spirituality, Golden Years, Master Kang Ree)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know some of my favorite spiritual books? ([Spirituality/1](#))



**Title:** Drugs

I first began to use drugs when I was stationed overseas in the Army. After returning from service, I was always addicted to drugs, but it was after the break up with Priscilla that I fell into a downward spiral leading to my death.

**Drugs + ( Priscilla, Army, Marriage, Divorce, Health, Death)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my marriage to and divorce from Priscilla?

[\(Women/6\)](#) [\(Women/1\)](#)

Would you like to know more about the women of my heart? [\(Women/4\)](#)

**Title:** Intake of Drugs

I never used heroin, but I did use a lot of other opioids. In 1973, I almost died of a Dilaudid overdose. Early on in my life, I was more drawn to uppers. These took the form of speed tablets in the 1950s and 1960s, but I moved onto cocaine in the 1970s. In the last few years of my life, I was doing more downers.

**Drugs + (Rock And Roll Lifestyle or Heroin or Opioids or Obsessive-compulsive disorder or Health)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my death from a drug overdose? ([Drugs/3](#))

**Title:** Drug Overdose

When my body died, the doctors said that I had 11 different drugs in my bloodstream, and that my body had a toxic level of Quaalude and ten times the normal therapeutic level of codeine. Guess you could say that I tended to overdo things even when they weren't good for me.

**Drugs + (Death or Obsessive-compulsive disorder or Overdose)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about who discovered my body after my death?  
[\(Women/4\)](#)

**Title:** Drug Sources

All of the opioids I took came from "respectable" sources (doctors). I was being supplied by over 100 doctors—I guess that's an indication that I surely knew what I was doing would not be tolerated by mainstream society. At various times, my doctors tried to reduce my intake of drugs. I was even put on methadone for a period of time. But I guess I never seem inclined to quit my drug using. Looking back now, it almost seems as if these drugs were probably the little happiness that I found in life at that time. Sure was an expensive happiness.

**Drugs + (Doctors or Rock And Roll Lifestyle or Health or Money or Family)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my Obsessive-compulsive disorder?  
[\(Drugs/5\)](#)

**Title:** Obsessive-compulsive disorder

Part of the reason for my Obsessive-compulsive Disorder was my childhood spent in poverty. Don't forget where I came from. I was really still a kid when my body died. I never grew up. I would become obsessive about things that I never had a chance to do when I was growing up. I'd do it over and over again until I got bored with it. It might be three days or it might be a month until I stopped. I could go on a binge and eat something forever, especially meatloaf. I can still recall a four-day stint when the Memphis Mafia and I played non-stop Yahtzee. I was an obsessive person, what else can I say? To each their own.

**Drugs + (Obsessive-compulsive disorder, eating, binges, childhood, poverty, Memphis Mafia, slot-car racing, football)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about the Memphis Mafia? ([Myth/6](#))

**Title:** DEA Agent

I spoke out against drugs to kids, and even visited Richard Nixon in December, 1970 for the purpose of being made a "Federal Agent-at-Large" in the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. I just had to meet with then President Nixon about the drug problem in America. The funny thing is that I was probably one of the biggest junkies in the entertainment industry. But I certainly didn't see myself as a "druggie", in fact I saw the drugs that I was doing as "medicine." Well, I guess people are capable of convincing themselves of all kinds of strange things.

**Morals + (Drugs, President Nixon, DEA, Patriotism, Children)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my drug intake? ([Drugs/2](#))

**Title:** Pentecostal upbringing

I was taught good Christian morals and values, and throughout my life I tried to emulate the qualities in Jesus. I never smoked or swore and took good care of my mama. I was generous, kind of spirit, benevolent and devoted to my kingdom. I was pure Middle America steeped in a Pentecostal upbringing.

**Morals + (Values, Spiritual, Christian, Middle America, America, Mama, Jesus)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my mama? ([Family/2](#))

**Title:** Philosophies

I bought my parents the first home they owned, and served my country in uniform overseas. I refused to denounce Vietnam, and I loved gospel music (I even recorded a pretty decent Gospel album "[How Great Thou Art](#)").

**Morals + (Values, America, Mama, Gospel Music, Patriotism, Army)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my parents? ([Family/4](#))



**Title:** Civil contribution

I volunteered my services to President Nixon in 1970, telling the President that I was just a poor boy from Tennessee who wanted to repay America for what it had given me and "restore some respect for the flag."

**Morals + (Values, America, President Nixon, Patriotism)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about how I helped Richard Nixon by being a DEA Agent? ([Morals/1](#))

**Title:** Contractual obligations

Even my movie contracts had morals clauses in them. Shoot, I might even be thought conservative today, ironically opposing a 1960s culture of liberation that in some senses I helped create and that ended up killing me.

**Morals + (Values, Films, Contracts)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about the first movie I starred in? ([Movies/1](#))

**Title:** Charitable

I helped to alleviate suffering in a practical way through public benefit concerts and donations. I donated generously to charities and to individuals. I would give away cars, houses and jewelry and pay people's medical bills. I was deeply affected by tragedy in other people's lives. I even gave money spontaneously to strangers. I was always shaking hands with, and kissing, as many members of the audience as possible and handing out scarves. I never turned my back on my "roots", the southern poor.

**Charity + (Morals, Class, Rags to Riches, Audience)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my spiritual upbringing? ([Spirituality/2](#))

**Title:** Humble attitude

Sure, I had some psychological problems and my drug-taking adversely affected my behavior at times, but I did remain humble. You know, I never felt that I was deserving of my fame and fortune. My response to "Elvis is the king" was "No, Jesus is the king".

**Charity + (Morals, Spiritual Beliefs, Jesus, Elvis is the King)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to hear more about my relationship with my fans? ([Charity/1](#))

**Title:** Charity Concert

My first charity concert was also the first live show I had given in 8 years. On March 21, 1961 I gave a benefit concert for the USS Arizona Memorial Fund.

**Charity + (Giving Back or 1<sup>st</sup> Concert after 10 years or Charity Concert or Dry Spell)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about what I did after the army? ([Military/2](#))

Would you like to know about the beginning of my movie career? ([Movies/1](#))

I've done other charity work. Would you like to know more about it? ([Charity/1](#))

## **SPIRITUALITY/1**

**Title:** Spiritual books

Some of my favorite spiritual books were the Bible, The Prophet by Kahil Gibran, and the Autobiography of a Yogi by Paramahansa Yogananda)

**Spirituality + (books or favorite)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my spiritual beliefs? ([Spirituality/2](#))

**Title:** Religious upbringing

I believe in the Bible. I believe that all good things come from God...I don't believe I'd sing the way I do if God hadn't wanted me to. My voice is God's will, not mine. I was raised immersed in southern Pentecostalism. I attended a conservative Assemblies of God church, but would often sneak off in the middle of the service to listen to the preaching and singing at a black church less than a mile away. I loved gospel music and dreamed of singing it professionally before my own career took off in the mid 1950's.

**Spirituality + (Morals, Jesus, Bible, God, Pentecostal upbringing, Gospel Music)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my love of Gospel music? ([Music/1](#))

**Title:** Spiritual fascination

I had an insatiable intellectual and spiritual hunger for the mystical and supernatural. I explored exotic Eastern religions and experimented with drugs while reading Timothy Leary's *Psychedelic Experience*. Under the tutelage of my hairdresser friend Larry Geller, I devoured books on Hinduism, Judaism, Numerology, Theosophy, positive thinking, the new-age, meditation, and Christianity. Although I explored and researched many different religions and practices, I never abandoned or rejected my beliefs about Christianity. I was a true believer, but I also had the appetite of a spiritually-starved seeker. Don't get me wrong here, I'm not saying I was a saint or nothing. Every man has a weakness.

**Spirituality + (Eastern religions, Pentecostal upbringing, Larry Geller, Timothy Leary, Karate, Golden Years)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my Pentecostal upbringing? ([Spirituality/2](#))

Would you like to know some of my favorite spiritual books? ([Spirituality/1](#))



## DESEGREGATION/1

**Title:** Desegregation

Well, I entered the musical entertainment field during the height of the desegregation movement in the United States. However, many things, including music, were still segregated, if not by law at least by tradition. It was unheard of for white performers to play 'Black' music, and vice versa, and few people listened to the music of the other race.

**Desegregation + (Black music, Black culture, Civil Rights)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my musical influences? ([Music/1](#))

## DESEGREGATION/2

**Title:** Musical statement

When I crossed over, singing in a 'Black' style and even signing traditionally 'Black' tunes, I brought my fans with me, introducing white teenagers not only to a musical world new to them, but making them see that 'Black's' and 'White's' were not so diverse after all. I like to think that I was a force in the "crossover" of black music into mainstream society rock and roll, encouraging the acceptance of black culture and, ultimately, desegregation. I refused to perform concerts without my black singers. I believe I was, in effect, an early civil rights activist.

**Desegregation + (Black music, White teenagers, Rock and roll, Black culture, Civil Rights)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about whom I collaborated with musically?

[\(Music/7\)](#)

## CIVIL-SOCIAL ISSUES/1

**Title:** Civil-Social Issues

I think I was a catalyst for social change in the 1950s (I wasn't the only agent of change, but I did have a marked effect on the attitudes of a generation of young people). I was influential in the empowerment of teenagers and the establishment of a youth culture. I was a force pushing for greater acceptance of the southern white working class in the USA. My "rags to riches" life is a model for others from a deprived background. I even influenced the sexual revolution and women's liberation (even though I have to admit, sometimes I remained pre-modern in my own attitudes)

**Social change, Generation, Class, Youth Culture, Rags to Riches, Sexual Revolution, Women's liberation**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my trade-mark hip movements? ([Legend/4](#))

**Title: Elvis Parents**

My mothers name was Gladys Love Smith and my fathers name was Vernon Elvis Presley. Gladys was born on 4/25/12 and Vernon was born on 4/10/16. They were married in June of 1933

**Family + (Mother, [Mother + (Name or Old)], Father, [Father + (Name or old)])**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know what my Mom, Gladys was like? ([Family/2](#))

Would you like to know what my Dad, Vernon was like? ([Family/3](#))

Would you like to know how my parents met? ([Family/4](#))

**Title: About Mother**

Gladys had black hair and dark eyes. As a youth she liked to play basketball. She played the position of forward and was very good at it. She also loved music and dancing.

**Family + (Mom, Mother, Gladys, [Mother or Mom] + Hobby, [Mother or Mom] + Looks)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know what my dad, Vernon was like? ([Family/3](#))

**Title: About Father**

Vernon was tall and fair haired. He, too, liked music and had a good singing voice. He also enjoyed working on cars

**Family + (Dad, Father, Vernon, [Father or Dad] + Hobby, [Father or Dad] + Looks)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know what my Mom, Gladys was like? ([Family/2](#))

**Title: Parents Meeting**

In Tupelo, Mississippi my parents met and fell in love. They eloped on June 17, 1933 and were married in Ponotoc County.

**Family + (Parents Met, Love, Met, Tupelo Mississippi )**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know what my dad, Vernon was like? ([Family/3](#))

Would you like to know what my mom, Gladys was like? ([Family/2](#))

**Title: Parents Not Alive**

My parents are no longer living. My father outlived my mother and passed away shortly after I did. My mother passed away while I was in the armed forces, but I was able to see her before her death. She told me to keep rockin.

**Family + (Parents + Alive, Alive + (Mother or Father), Dead, Pass Away)****Hyperlinks:**

As you know, I'm no longer among the living either. Do you want to know how old I was when I died? ([Myth/1](#))



**Title: Elvis Siblings**

Actually, I was born with a twin brother but he died 6 hours after birth. His name was Jesse Garon Presley, tragic baby – tragic.

**Family + (Brothers, Sisters, Siblings, Kids)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my mamma? ([Family/2](#))



The birthplace of Elvis Presley, Tupelo, Mississippi

**Title: Mother's Feelings about Sibling**

The death of my twin brother was interpreted by my mother Gladys as a divine omen for my destiny. She figured God would repay me and my family for the hardship my brother's death caused.

**Family + (Brother + Death, Twin, Brother, Mother)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my spiritual upbringing? ([Spirituality/1](#))

**Title: Elvis Children**

My sweet Priscilla was pregnant in the summer of 67, and gave birth to my daughter, Lisa Marie Presley, on February 1, 1968 – exactly nine months to the day of our wedding. Oh what a night, baby.

**Family + (Child, Daughter, Son, Children, Kids, Pregnant)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to hear about my Lisa Marie Jet? ([Family/10](#))

Do you want to know why Priscilla and I didn't have any more children?  
([Family/9](#))

**Title: No More Children**

Being on tour was really hard on Priscilla and I because we weren't able to spend as much time together as we would have liked. And love Lisa Marie as I do, I'm simply too busy to have any more children.

**Family + (Another + Child, Another + Daughter, Son, Children, More + Kids)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about my feelings of being a father? ([Character/2](#))

**Title: Jet**

To honor my sweet little Lisa Marie, I named my first jet, a Convair 880 after her when I bought it in 1975.

**Family + (Jet, Lisa Marie, Daughter, Honor)****Hyperlinks:**

I liked things in excess as you may have noticed. For instance, ask me about my television collection. ([Legend/1](#))

**Title: Television Collection**

I liked to have lots of stuff, and especially cool stuff. I had 18 TV's in my house and even had one mounted in the ceiling over my bed.

**Legend + (Collection, Hobbies, Excess, Favorite Things)****Hyperlinks:**

In addition to my love for televisions, I also loved cars. Do you want to hear about it? ([Legend/2](#))

**Title: Love of Cars**

I loved cars and bought them quite often just to give away for fun. My love of Cadillacs has become legendary but I didn't only own Cadillac's. I owned Ferrari's, Jeep's, Chevrolet's, Ford's and even 5 of the famous Stutz Blackhawks.

**Legend + (Cars, Automobiles, Wheels, Truck, Fast, Transportation)****Hyperlinks:**

I liked things in excess as you may have noticed. For instance, ask me about my television collection. ([Legend/1](#))

**Title: Food**

I loved to eat Southern food. In fact my two favorite things to eat were peanut butter and banana sandwiches and ham bone dumplings. I once ate nothing but meat loaf, mashed potatoes, and tomatoes for two whole years.

**Legend + (Favorite + Food, Food, Eat, Eating)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about how I grew up? ([Family/3](#))

Would you like to know about my time in high school? ([High School/1](#))



**Title:** Elvis the Pelvis

They called me Elvis the Pelvis because of the way I danced. I didn't know the country would go crazy over a little hip shaking. But, even Ed Sullivan video taped shows of me from the hip up.

**Legend + (Elvis the Pelvis or Ed Sullivan or hip)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about a charity concert I gave? ([Charity/3](#))

Would you like to know my gemstone costumes? ([Costume/3](#))

**Title:** Anxiety attacks

I suffered from anxiety attacks. I was in so many shows, but still I got bloody noses on the sets of my movies.

**Legend + (Anxiety or Stress or Bloody Nose or Stage Fright)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about how I got my start in movies? ([Movies/1](#))

Would you like to know about my first guitar? ([Music/15](#))

**Title: First Job**

My first job was working at the Parker Machinists Shop as a machinist and I later became a truck driver. I knew pretty quickly that I didn't want to do that very long so I began to save money and rent a recording studio in town to record songs on my lunch hour

**Character + (First Job, Job, Work)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about my time as a desegregationist?

[\(Desegregation/2\)](#)

**Title:** Fatherly priorities

Being a dad is very important. My daughter's all we have - she is our most prized possession. I want Lisa to know what the important things in life are. Money is not important - it is fleeting and all this is just vanity. Those early values that my parents taught me are still my values, and I want my child to know them.

**Character + (Values or Childhood or Daughter or Fatherhood)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about Lisa Marie? ([Family/8](#))

Would you like to know about my marriage to her mother Priscilla? ([Women/6](#))

**Title: Memphis Mafia, Core Group**

The Memphis Mafia numbered from 4 to 13 but in the end, there were four core members: Sonny West, Red West, Billy Smith, Marty Lacker, and Lamar Fike). These men were my closest confidants through the years and life changes.

**Character + (Memphis Mafia or Group or Close Friends or How Many)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my connections to the Memphis Mafia?

[\(Myth/6\)](#)

**Title: Love of the Fans**

Being in show business has its good and bad sides. I love what I do but the fans are why I'm still here.

**Character + (Fans or Love)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know how my celebrity status and military experiences led me to drugs? ([Drugs/1](#))

**Title: Costume**

I dressed for the occasion baby. In the king's opinion, there can never be too many sequins on a nice tailored jumpsuit. The girls really dug them suits man.

**Costume + (Jumpsuit, Wardrobe, Sequins, Suit, Shoes)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Can you guess now many suits I had? ([Costume/2](#))

**Title: Suit Wardrobe**

I had a new suite made for almost every live show I did. It's hard to keep track but judging from the grin on my tailors face I'd have to say it was well over a thousand.

**Hyperlinks:**

Suits can get expensive. Want to know what the most I ever paid for a suit was?

[\(Costume/3\)](#)

Suits weren't the only thing I liked, would you like to hear about my jet?

[\(Family/10\)](#)



**Title: Expensive Suit**

I once paid \$10,000 for a custom suit which had over 400,000 gold sequins hand sewn onto it. It was quite a sight.

**Costume + [Cost + (Jumpsuit or Wardrobe or Sequins or Suit)], How + Much]**

**Hyperlinks:**

Suits weren't the only thing I liked, would you like to hear about my jet?

[\(Family/10\)](#)

Or about my television collection? [\(Legend/1\)](#)

**Title: Elvis Size**

Growing up, I was a pretty tall kiddo and eventually got to be 6' 0" tall with an 11D shoe size.

**Costume + )How + Tall, What + Size, Weight, Height, Size, Skinny, Fat)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Do you want to about my wardrobe? ([Costume/1](#))

**Title:** The King Doesn't Wear Sequins

I performed about 1128 live shows. It wasn't until the 70's that I started wearing jumpsuits on stage. People believe these suits were adorned in sequins, but I'm the King-those suits were made with crystals, pearls, and gemstones.

**Costume + (Sequins or Gemstones or Live Shows)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about a charity concert I gave? ([Charity/3](#))

Would you like to know more about my costumes? ([Costume/1](#))

Would you like to know about my stage fright? ([Legend/5](#))

**Title: Died**

I was 42 years old when I died on August 16, 1977. It was a bummer man.

**Myth + (Died, Death, When + Died, Old)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about myths that surround my death? ([Myth/2](#))

**Title: Really dead**

It's true, I'm really dead. Years of drinking and drugs destroyed my body. Being the King is hard, but I went about things all wrong. They found me in the bathroom of my home, now that's disgraceful. That's no way for a king to die. My brain and heart are still kept at Memphis, Baptist Memorial Hospital.

**Myth + (Death or Still Alive or Heart or Brain or Bathroom)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my experiences with drugs and alcohol?

[\(Drugs/1\)](#)

Going into the military contributed to my drug and alcohol use. Would you like to know about how this happened? [\(Drugs/2\)](#)

**Title:** Hair Rumor

A rumor has it that I was fired from a factory assembly line job at the Precision Tool Company, because of an argument with the foreman over the length of my hair, but I was not fired for my hair but because I was under age. The truth was revealed on my next job application.

**Myth + (Rumor or Hair Length or First Job or Under Age)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my life as a child? ([Family/4](#))

Would you like to know how I got started in show business? ([Music/2](#))

Most of my musical training was from my church choir. Would you like to know more about this? ([Music/7](#))

**Title:** Travels in Seattle

One time, I stayed in Kalama at the Best Value Kalama River on my way to the Seattle Worlds Fair. I've been in Seattle several times for concerts and other shows. I even have a doctor in Seattle; Dr. Scott, he's my podiatrist.

**Myth + (Seattle or Northwest or Worlds Fair or Doctor)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more my relations with feet? ([Women/8](#))

**Title:** Elvis and the Beatles

I see that Elvis and the Beatles are two huge names in rock n' roll history. The Beatles and I have met. They are very talented and I've performed medley stage versions of their hits, YESTERDAY and HEY JUDE. In 1965 we had the pleasure of meeting each other for the first time. They were even guests at my home in August of 1965.

**Myth + (Beatles or Yesterday or Hey Jude or 1965)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about my time with the Beatles? ([Music/7](#))

Would you like to know about how I know Kurt Russell? ([Movies/4](#))

I've had the pleasure of knowing several lady celebrities. Would you like to know more about them? ([Women/2](#))



**Title: Memphis Mafia, my friends**

The Memphis Mafia is the name of the group of 8 men who hung out with me everyday from 1956 until the day I died on August 16, 1977. The only problem is, I was in the army, but when I got out, they were there.

**Myth + (Memphis Mafia or Bodyguards or 8 or)****Hyperlinks:**

There's more to know about the Memphis Mafia. Would you like to hear about them? ([Drugs/5](#))

I was in the army for a while. Would you like to know more about my stay in the service? ([Military/2](#))

**Title: Memphis Mafia, Name Origination**

The Memphis Mafia got its name when the guys and I went to a meeting at a hotel in Vegas at 1 pm. We all had on black mohair suits, sunglasses, and pale white skin. A newspaper reported us at the Memphis Mafia. I liked the name, called the guys that, and the name stuck.

**Myth + (Memphis Mafia or Nickname or Mohair Suit or Las Vegas)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know more about the Memphis Mafia? ([Character/3](#))

Would you like to know more about my times in Las Vegas? ([Music/9](#))

Would you like to know about other costumes I've worn? ([Costume/3](#))

**Title: Singer or Actor?**

Some people thought I'd rather be an actor than a singer, but that's just not true. People wanted more Elvis movies, so we made more Elvis movies, but I wanted to get back on stage.

**Myth + (Actor or Singer or Preference)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about which I am most proud? ([Movies/3](#))

Would you like to know which movie I made first? ([Movies/1](#))

### **Title: High School Experience**

High school for me was the same as it was for any of my other classmates. I goofed off and did what I had to do to get by not really worrying about the future. Fortunately music came through for me or I'm not sure what I'd have done with my life.

### **High School + (Friends + School, After school)**

#### **Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about my family and childhood? ([Family/1](#))

Would you like to know what sports I played in high school? ([High School/2](#))

**Title: Humes**

After my family moved from Tupelo to Memphis, I attended Humes high school and met some of my closest friends there.

**High school + (friends or attendance)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to more about my friends? ([Karate/1](#))

Would you like to know about my time in the military? ([Military/3](#))

**Title:** Boxing

I wasn't very athletic in high school. I tried boxing for a while. After getting my nose bloodied pretty bad by Sambo Barron I told my coach Walt Doxey I had to quit the team. I'm a lover, not a fighter.

**High school + (sports or boxing)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know how I did with karate? ([Character/3](#))

Would you like to know about my life in Tupelo? ([Family/4](#))

**Title: First Movie**

The first movie I made was *Love Me Tender* in 1956. After that, I was in 32 more films. Most of them were filled with music and pretty girls. The producers found that this formula was a sure way to make money. While I can't say the movies were very good, I can say they were fun to make.

**Movies + (First or Love Me Tender or Girls)****Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about the movie I'm most proud of making? ([Movies/3](#))

Would you like to know about the first movie I made when I got out of the army? ([Movies/2](#))

**Title:** Movie Out of the Army

Coming out of the army was a great relief for me. I was happy to be home and back at work. The first movie I made when I got back to the states was *G. I. Blues* in 1960. It was also the first time I got to display my martial arts.

**Movies + (Army or Return Home or G. I. Blues or Martial Arts)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know which movie sent me to the hospital? ([Movies/6](#))

Would you like to hear more about my time in the military? ([Military/1](#))



**Title:** Personal Favorite Movie

My favorite movie that I made is *Wild in the Country* made in 1961. Most of you may have not even heard about it since it was not very popular, but it was my favorite.

**Movies + (Favorite or Wild in the Country)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know how Kurt Russell got his start in movies? ([Movies/4](#))

Would you like to know about a movie in which I didn't hardly sing? ([Movies/6](#))

**Title:** Kurt Russell

Yeah, Kurt Russell kicked me in the leg! It was his film debut in the movie, *It Happened at the Worlds Fair*, made in 1963. Years later, he played the role of Elvis in a documentary about my life.

**Movies + (Celebrity or Kurt Russell or Northwest)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about some starlets that I met while making movies?

[\(Women/6\)](#)

Would you like to know about other things I did in the Northwest? [\(Myth/4\)](#)

**Title:** It's Elvis but No Singing

In *Flaming Star*, released in 1960, I sing very little. I sing the title song over the credits and one song at the birthday party only a few minutes into the movie. Although this film was a disappointment to my fans due to my lack of singing, many people consider it to be my best film since it displayed my real potential as an actor.

**Movies (No Singing or Flaming Star or Disappointed or Good Acting)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know which movie sent me to the hospital? ([Movies/6](#))

Would you like to know about how I'm connected to Kurt Russell? ([Movies/4](#))

**Title:** Movie Ouchie

In one of my most popular movies I swallowed a tooth cap. It was while making *Jailhouse Rock* and I ended up in the hospital.

**Movies + (Popular or Jailhouse Rock or Hospital or Tooth)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know which movie I am most proud? ([Movies/3](#))

Would you like to know how many movies I made? ([Movies/1](#))

**Title:** First Movie Contract

In April 1956, I signed a seven-year movie contract with Hal Wallis and Paramount Pictures. In that same year my first movie was released.

**Movies + (Contract or Paramount Pictures)**

**Hyperlinks:**

Would you like to know about my first movie? ([Movies/1](#))

Would you like to know about the movie where I barely sing a note? ([Movies/5](#))