

We Didn't Start the Fire—Billy Joel Lyrics

How many U. S. Presidents are mentioned? How many decades are covered?
How many historic references are you familiar with?

Harry Truman, Doris Day,
Red China, Johnnie Ray
South Pacific,
Walter Winchell, Joe DiMaggio
Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon,
Studebaker, Television
North Korea, South Korea,
Marilyn Monroe

Rosenbergs, H-Bomb,
Sugar Ray, Panmunjom
Brando, The King And I,
and The Catcher In The Rye
Eisenhower, Vaccine,
England's got a new queen
Marciano, Liberace,
Santayana goodbye

We didn't start the fire
It was always burning
Since the world's been turning
We didn't start the fire
No we didn't light it
But we tried to fight it

Joseph Stalin, Malenkov,
Nasser and Prokofiev
Rockefeller, Campanella,
Communist Bloc
Roy Cohn, Juan Peron,
Toscanini, Dacron
Dien Bien Phu Falls,
Rock Around the Clock
Einstein, James Dean,
Brooklyn's got a winning team
Davy Crockett, Peter Pan,
Elvis Presley, Disneyland
Bardot, Budapest, Alabama,
Khrushchev
Princess Grace, Peyton Place,
Trouble in the Suez

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Little Rock, Pasternak,
Mickey Mantle, Kerouac
Sputnik, Chou En-Lai,
Bridge On The River Kwai
Lebanon, Charles de Gaulle,
California baseball
Starkweather, Homicide,
Children of Thalidomide...

Buddy Holly, Ben-Hur,
Space Monkey, Mafia
Hula Hoops, Castro,
Edsel is a no-go
U-2, Syngman Rhee,
payola and Kennedy
Chubby Checker, Psycho,
Belgians in the Congo

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Hemingway, Eichmann,
Stranger in a Strange Land
Dylan, Berlin,
Bay of Pigs invasion
Lawrence of Arabia,
British Beatlemania
Ole Miss, John Glenn,
Liston beats Patterson

Pope Paul, Malcolm X,
British Politician Sex
J.F.K. blown away,
what else do I have to say

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Birth control, Ho Chi Minh,
Richard Nixon back again
Moonshot, Woodstock,
Watergate, punk rock
Begin, Reagan, Palestine,
Terror on the airline
Ayatollah's in Iran,
Russians in Afghanistan
Wheel of Fortune, Sally Ride,
heavy metal, suicide
Foreign debts, homeless Vets,
AIDS, Crack, Bernie Goetz
Hypodermics on the shores,
China's under martial law
Rock and Roller Cola wars,
I can't take it anymore

We didn't start the fire
It was always burning
Since the world's been turning
We didn't start the fire
But when we are gone
It will still burn on and on and
on and on
And on and on and on and on...

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