

The Beatles

“The Middle, Late, and The End”

Terms & Topics:

1) Compare Paul vs. John’s musical styles.

Paul - conservative, sentimental, willing to conform, extremely talented & trained musically

John - rebellious, aggressive, creative, less musically trained, great lyric writer, cynical

2) What was unique about the *Rubber Soul* album cover?

- Distorted faces....

- **“Psychedelic-ish”** - a hint of the current times

3) What begins to happen with studio experimentation and the Beatles?

- **Recording part of a song at one speed & play it back at twice the speed** - “In My Life”

- **Added sounds and effects** - “Yellow Submarine”

- **Use of more instruments (sitar, other unconventional inst’s)** – “Norwegian Wood”

- **Overdubbing**

4) John’s comment about Jesus & the after-effects

- **John compared their popularity to Jesus Christ**

- **Southern communities banned Beatles records... Spread to Spain, Italy & the Vatican City**

- **John DID apologize afterwards claiming his comment was “misconstrued”/ “misunderstood”**

5) The reasons for ending their LIVE concert tours included:

- **Studio music was difficult to reproduce live**

- **Grew tired of constant fans & fame**

- **Controversy in news from Jesus comment, trouble in Philippines, death threats**

6) What were the two meanings behind the song, “Yellow Submarine”?

“Double Entendre” = lyrics that could have two meanings.... One was childlike & the other referenced the drug a “yellow submarine”, which was a pill

7) What was the cause of Brian Epstein's death?

- **Accidental Overdose**
- **Felt no longer needed by Beatles because they weren't touring - began to use drugs**

8) Describe the importance of the making of the album, *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*

- **Beatles would actually become the Sgt. Peppers band.... Culmination of musical forces & ideas**
- **Most famous album cover**
- **Psychedelic acts in a concert atmosphere**
- **Took 700 hours to complete album!!!**

9) What was the reason for the cover of the *White Album*?

- **Devoid of any prints or graphics... totally opposite of Sgt. Peppers**
- **Double album - 30 songs**
- **Fans thought it was either the best or the worst**
- **Released on new the Apple Records label (Beatles record company)**

10) The effect John & Yoko's relationship had on the band

- **Negative! - viewed as intrusive**
- **She hung out at recording sessions, business meetings, etc.**
- **John was still married when he was with Yoko!**

11) Charles Manson incident

- **Radical cult leader who lead a group of people on a bloody murdering binge**
- **He thought the Beatles music was telling him to commit murders**
- **Songs like "Revolution 9" and "Helter Skelter" influenced the cult**

12) Explain the "death" of Paul & the BREAK-UP of the Beatles.

- **Paul had disagreements with musical decisions and album visions**
- **John released his own single with Yoko**
- **No longer toured**
- **People thought Paul had "died"... *Abbey Road* Cover.. Paul barefoot out of step with the others**