

## Hit songs based on true events

Given the year of release and a synopsis of the true story behind it, name the song.

**Question 1** 1980: Titled after a bomb, and the fact that pilot named the aircraft that dropped it after his mother.

**Enola Gay (OMD)**

**Question 2** 1969. The song writer tells of the events of his marriage and their publicly held honeymoon activities.

**The Ballad of John & Yoko (Beatles)**

**Question 3** 1972. The band travel to Switzerland to record, but a fire means the place is burnt down the night before.

**Smoke on the Water (Deep Purple) "We all came out to Montreux on the Lake Geneva shoreline, to make records with a mobile. We didn't have much time".**

**Question 4** 1983. Song titled after a woman who claims that the narrator is the father of her newborn son, which he denies.

**Billie Jean (Michael Jackson) "Billie Jean is not my lover. She's just a girl who claims that I am the one"**

**Question 5** 1979. Following a shooting in a San Diego school, the 16 year old shooter was asked "why".

**I Don't Like Mondays (Boomtown Rats)**

**Question 6** 1991. Song written following the death of the artist's son aged 4.

**Tears in Heaven (Eric Clapton)**

**Question 7** 1989. More than 100 headline events between 1949 and 1989

**We Didn't Start the Fire (Billy Joel)**

**Question 8** 1971. Describes the emotions of a 13 year old boy when he hears of the death of his musical icon.

**American Pie (Don McLean)**

**Question 9** 1983. Lyrics describe the horror felt by an observer in Northern Ireland after witnessing a major incident in Derry

**Sunday Bloody Sunday (U2) "I can't believe the news today, oh, I can't close my eyes and make it go away. How long?"**

**Question 10** 1885. Anti Vietnam war song, where the singer draws attention the

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young average age of the US troops.

**19 (Paul Hardcastle)**