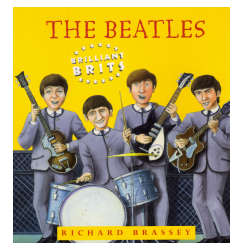


The Beatles by Richard BRASSEY

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In this book collection, Richard Brassey writes about different “**Brilliant Brits**”. This book is about **the Beatles**. He has also written about other famous British people. The back cover mentions

Pages 1 & 2 : Introduction :

The four Beatles, in order of their ages (oldest to youngest) were :

1.
2.
3.
4.

Number of number 1 songs :

Number of people who watched them on TV?

The reason why the Beatles couldn't hear themselves play?

Give 3 nicknames given to the Beatles :

1.
2.
3.

Where and when were the four Beatles born?

John's middle name? Name given in honour of :

What did Ringo's mother do during air-raids?

Vocabulary : Find the English words for:

	<i>2ème Guerre Mondiale</i>		<i>difficile/dur</i>
	<i>raid aérien</i>		<i>paix</i>
	<i>bombardements</i>		<i>espoir</i>

What is the English expression for “à l'envers” :

Tick the correct definition of *dodge* : ☐ find ☐ fight ☐ hit ☐ avoid

Pages 3 & 4 : John and Paul's childhoods :

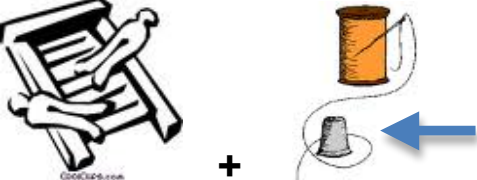

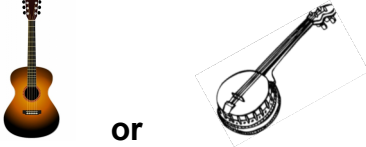
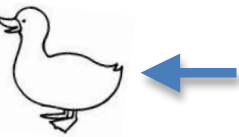


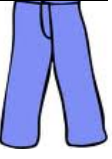

	John	Paul
Address :		
Lived with :		
Attitude at school :		
Musical instrument :		
His mother died :		

Vocabulary : Find the English words for:

	<i>se séparer</i>		<i>nul, incompetent</i>
	<i>orphelinat</i>		<i>échec</i>
	<i>se glisser à travers la clôture</i>		<i>refuser</i>
	<i>entourer</i>		<i>postuler</i>
	<i>bulletins (scolaires)</i>		<i>chœur, chorale</i>

Page 5 : Skiffle music was popular in England in the : ☐ 1930's ☐ 1950's ☐ 1970's

Skiffle music was : ☐ easy to play ☐ difficult to play.

Skiffle instrument	Name in English	Translation in French
	Percussion made from :	
	"Tea chest bass" (double bass) /beis/ made from:	
		
Teddy Boy Outfit	Name in English	Translation in French
		
		
		
	This is a drainpipe (long and narrow)	
		

What are the names of these American rock 'n' roll singers :



Page 6 : The Quarrymen Who did what? **John** (J) or **Paul** (P)? :

Quarrybank was the name of’s school. **The Quarrymen** was the name of’s skiffle group. In 1956, saw this group play at a church fete. When singing, if he couldn’t remember the words to the songs, invented new ones, which thought was very clever. showed some new chords. was impressed with because could play the guitar upside down. asked to join his group.

Vocabulary : Find the English words for:

	<i>intelligent</i>		<i>gaucher</i>
	<i>accord</i>		<i>à l'envers</i>


Pages 7 & 8 : New members Who did what? **John** (J), **Paul** (P) or **George** (G) :

..... and liked composing songs, and they would practise at’s house. went to the same school as, but they were not in the same class or year. It was who introduced to Then, because knew a lot of guitar chords, and asked him to join their band.

Put these sentences into chronological order :

- Pete joined the group, as drummer.
- Stu bought a bass /beis/ guitar, but couldn’t play it very well.
- They started to use the name of the **Beatles** (like beetles, but with an a)
- Stu joined the group.
- The group was invited to play in Germany.
- John left school.
- The group went to play in Germany.
- John started Art College.
- The group was getting popular.

Vocabulary : Musicians and insects...

	A guitarist plays the		A plays the drums.
	This is a		This is a

Find a synonym for *rhythm*, *pulse* :

Page 9 : Germany. True or false ? (If false, underline the mistake and correct it).

- In Hamburg, the Beatles had short working days. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- They had lots of practice playing together. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- They were asked to play on a record. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- The record was called *My Sonnie*. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- Pete met a girl called Astrid. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- Astrid had the idea for a new hairstyle. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- Only Paul kept his hair greased back. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- George stayed on in Hamburg. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- John became the bass guitarist. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- They started playing in a club called *The Cave*. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)
- When they played, lots of people came. ☐True ☐False (Correction :)

Vocabulary : Find the English words for :

	<i>scène</i>		<i>disque</i>
	<i>balai à franges</i>		<i>gominé</i>

Page 10 : The manager. Put the story into the right chronological order of events:

- The record shop manager, called Brian Epstein, didn't know *My Bonnie*.
- The record shop manager offered to become the Beatles' manager.
- The record shop manager went to see the Beatles play.
- The record shop manager found out where the Beatles were playing.
- The record shop manager met the Beatles in his office.
- Customers asked to buy *My Bonnie* in a Liverpool record shop.
- The record shop manager thought the Beatles looked bad, but played well.
- The record shop manager was cross with Paul, because he was late.

Vocabulary : Find the English words for :

	<i>agent</i>		<i>avoir l'air sale</i>
	<i>au coin de la rue</i>		<i>bureau</i>
	<i>agitation</i>		<i>être en retard</i>
	<i>être mal habillé</i>		<i>être en colère</i>

Page 11 : The producer.

Who is **he**? Brian Epstein (B.E), or George Martin (G.M), and put the story into the right order!

- **He** listened to some recordings of the Beatles.
- **He** made the Beatles look smart.
- **He** took 2 months to decide to make a record with them.
- **He** set up concerts for the Beatles to play in.
- **He** thought Pete, the drummer, should be replaced.
- **He** visited London record companies.
- **He** thought the Beatles' recordings were "very interesting".
- The Beatles went to play at the Abbey Road Studios for **him**.

Page 12 : The new drummer.

Drummer's real name:	
Drummer's nickname:	
Reason for this nickname:	
Drummer's address:	
Health during childhood:	
Where he started playing the drums:	

Vocabulary : Find the English words for :

	<i>maison minuscule</i>		<i>être en tournée</i>
	<i>enfant malade</i>		<i>était censé être</i>
	<i>enregistrer</i>		<i>public, spectateurs</i>
	<i>atteindre</i>		<i>adorer, être fou de</i>
	<i>le top 50</i>		<i>applaudir</i>

Pages 12-14 : The Beatles' records :

	Name of song	Position in the pop charts
1 st record		
2 nd record*		
3 rd record**		
4 th record***		

*When this song came out, the Beatles were on tour with a singer called

**The Beatles were invited to sing this song on aat the London Palladium, then they were invited to sing at the in front of the Queen Mother. This TV performance was seen bypeople. It was the beginning of "Beatle....."

***With this song, the Beatles were invited to appear in the States on the Afterwards, at the British some people even tried to get some of the Beatles' as souvenirs !

Vocabulary pages 13 & 14 : Find the English words for :

	<i>quand tout le monde savait que...</i>		<i>bijoux</i>
	<i>ne pas cesser d'arriver</i>		<i>être sur le point (de faire)</i>
	<i>dehors</i>		<i>une énorme foule</i>
	<i>crier très fort</i>		<i>supporteurs</i>
	<i>répéter</i>		<i>supplier, prier</i>
	<i>soudainement</i>		<i>accueillir</i>
	<i>apparaître</i>		<i>presqu'aucun</i>
	<i>quelques semaines plus tard</i>		<i>avoir lieu</i>
	<i>places bon marché</i>		<i>des gens snobs / BCBG</i>
	<i>applaudir</i>		<i>se laisser emporter</i>
	<i>secouer (en faisant du bruit)</i>		<i>couper (avec un mouvement rapide)</i>

Pages 15 & 16 : Beatlemania :

How long did *Beatlemania* last?

Which film showed what *Beatlemania* was like?

When was this film made?

Name 6 different Beatle souvenirs that you could buy:

.....



Where could you read about what the Beatles said and did?

Where did Beatle songs always go in the pop charts?

What did fans do when they heard them play?

What did fans do when they discovered that George liked jelly babies?

Vocabulary : Find the English words for :

	<i>poupée</i>		<i>coiffure</i>
	<i>perruque</i>		
	<i>draps</i>		<i>moelleux</i>
	<i>taies d'oreiller</i>		
	<i>partout</i>		<i>dur</i>
	<i>à peine entendu</i>		<i>blesser</i>

Page 17 : Important moments Complete the story :

In **1966**, the Beatles stopped, and recorded

This album was revolutionary. It experimented with new like tapes played and instruments. It changed pop music forever.

In June **1967** the Beatles appeared on the first global TV show that linked the world by satellite, and sang to an audience of million. At the time, American soldiers were fighting a war in, and the Beatles' message of and exactly reflected public opinion.

Vocabulary : Find the English words for :

	<i>stade</i>		<i>cassette</i>
	<i>se sentir piégé</i>		<i>jouer à l'envers</i>
	<i>abandonner</i>		<i>relier, connecter</i>



Page 18: Songwriters. Who did what? Write Paul (P) or John (J), or both (B)?

- Recognised as an exceptional songwriter
- Wrote hundreds of songs
- Gradually got better at writing songs
- Had interesting ideas
- Wrote 'Yesterday'
- Wrote 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds'




Vocabulary : Find the English words for :

	<i>mélodie</i>		<i>ciel</i>
	 <i>œufs brouillés</i>		<i>diamant</i>
	<i>aller bien avec</i>		<i>miroir</i>
	<i>peinture</i>		<i>onirique</i>

Pages 19 & 20 : Inspiration for some of the best Beatle songs :

1. Penny Lane :
2. I am the Walrus :
3. Strawberry Field :
4. Eleanor Rigby :

Vocabulary : Find the English words for :



	<i>souvenir d'enfance</i>		<i>embêter</i>
	<i>abri</i>		<i>paquebot</i>
	<i>point de repère</i>		<i>incroyable</i>
	<i>rond-point</i>		<i>créer / inventer</i>
	 <i>barbier</i>		<i>remarquer</i>
	<i>comptine</i>		<i>cimetière</i>
	 <i>morse</i>		 <i>pierre tombale</i>

Pages 21 & 22 : The beginning of the end.

 Complete the story about events from August '67:

Bad news ☹ and good news ☺ :

- ❖ ☹ All four Beatles were beginning to get bored with life as a "Beatle". So they started to see an Indian g..... (teacher) called the M....., who taught them how to meditate.
- ❖ ☹ Brian Epstein died of an accidental drug overdose, by taking s..... p.....
- ❖ ☹ He was the Beatles' manager and they r..... on him to organise everything.
- ❖ ☹ The Beatles' new film was not a s.....
- ❖ ☹ The Beatles were all following their o..... i..... and were d..... a.....
- ❖ ☹ They all got m.....
- ❖ ☺ The cartoon called was a h.....
- ❖ ☺ They made more great albums :

	This is the album c..... for which shows a picture of them on the p..... c..... outside the Abbey Road S..... T..... come from all over the w..... to be photographed in the same place.
	Their last album is called During the making of this album, the Beatles p..... for the last time together on the r..... of their offices in London. They made so much n..... that the neighbours complained to the p.....!

Vocabulary Pages 21 & 22: Find the English words for :

	<i>somnifères</i>		<i>toit</i>
	<i>compter sur qqn</i>		<i>se produire</i>
	<i>succès / hit</i>		<i>fort, bruyant</i>
	<i>passage piéton</i>		<i>se séparer</i>

Page 23 : After they split up. Who did what? Paul (P), John (J), George (G) or Ringo (R)?

- Died from cancer in 2002 :
- Started a new band, called Wings :
- Campaigned for world peace :
- Made some films :
- Was murdered in 1980 :
- Was knighted by the Queen in 1997 :
- Recorded his voice for the cartoon *Thomas the Tank Engine* :
- Married Yoko Ono :
- Continued writing songs :

Writing Task : Create another booklet for the **Brilliant Brits** collection (or the **Amazing Americans**, or even the **Fabulous French**...) that gives a biography of a famous person (living or dead). The book must :

- be suitable for children, so simple to understand,
- give anecdotes, and/or amusing, interesting information,
- and contain illustrations (if you wish, like a cartoon, as in Brassey's book).

If you lack inspiration, you can do a "remake" of Brassey's *The Beatles*.

The book will be written in class, but you can prepare your ideas, make research notes, and draw your pictures at home.

Why not do research into a **Liverpudlian Legend** or enlarge to another Merseysider of your choice?
How about :

- **William Gladstone**, former prime minister,
- **Ken Dodd**, extremely well known stand up comedian and musician in the UK
- **Alexei Sayle** stand up TV comedian, highly controversial writer, actor in Hollywood films
- **Cilla Black**, famous singer and TV presenter
- **Clive Barker**, famous horror fiction writer. Directed the film 'Hellraiser' based on his own book 'Hellbound'
- **David Yip**, actor ('Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom' & James Bond's 'A View to a Kill')
- **Jimmy Tarbuck**, famous comedian and TV presenter
- **Wayne Rooney**, arguably one of the most famous footballers in the world today
- **Steven Gerrard**, probably the most loved footballer to ever grow up in Liverpool.
- **Atomic Kitten**, English girl group from Liverpool with singers Natasha Hamilton, Liz McClarnon, and Jenny Frost who replaced Kerry Katona
- **Ian McCulloch**, lead singer of Echo and the Bunnymen