***250 Years in the Making**: How well do you know your city? Take our quiz and find out. (Who knows!? You just might learn something.)*

Answer Key

1. In 1956, why did Dick Clark replace Bob Horn as host of the musical show *Bandstand* on local TV station WFIL? *Buckle up for b); Horn was let go after he was arrested for driving under the influence. At the time, Clark was appearing on the WFIL radio affiliate as a DJ. So we can all blame Clark—or thank Horn—for rock and roll.*

2. Speaking of singers, Chubby Checker, who turned the dancing world on to the Twist and the Pony, grew up in South Philly with what name? *Chubby's birth name was b), plain old Ernest Evans. His boss at a produce stand in the Italian Market initially dubbed him "Chubby"; Dick Clark's wife then suggested "Checker" as a surname after she heard Evans do an impression of Fats Domino.*

3. And one for the gals: What renowned singer was born in the Eastwick section of Southwest Philly and went to John Bartram High? *Hit a high note for a), Patti LaBelle, though all these stars and many, many more went through the city's public school system. Scott went to Girls' High, Anderson to South Philly High, and Terrell to Germantown High. Something in the wooder, we guess.*

4. In what year was Frank Rizzo sworn in as mayor of Philadelphia? *We salute you if you went with b), 1972, when then–Police Commissioner Rizzo first became the city's mayor. He subsequently served a second term before attempting to change the city charter to allow him to serve a third in a row, but he lost that battle. During the campaign, he infamously urged Philadelphians to "vote white."*

5. What was the stage name of the transgender woman whose relationship with Jack Kelly Jr., brother of Princess Grace Kelly, precipitated his withdrawal from a race for mayor of Philly? *It was d), Harlow, whose romance with City Councilman and Olympic rowing champion Jack Kelly Jr. touched off a scandal that resulted in his dropping out of the 1975 mayoral election. Pre–gender transition, Harlow achieved local fame after appearing in a documentary on the 1967 Miss All-America Camp Beauty Contest, which she won. Their relationship so provoked Kelly's mother that she pledged her support to his electoral opponent, Frank Rizzo.*

6. According to his daughter, what was Channel 6 weathergod Jim O'Brien's first choice of career before he came to Philly in 1970? *It's sunny skies if you decided on d), pastor. In a tribute to her dad many years after his untimely skydiving death,* Frasier *actress Peri Gilpin said O'Brien initially studied theology at Baylor University in hopes of serving in the pulpit one day.*

7. What cause did the Annual Reminder series of demonstrations, held at Independence Hall from 1965 through 1969, seek to advance? *Pat your own back if you chose c), gay rights. The yearly demonstrations were some of the earliest in support of that cause in the nation. Participants observing a strict dress code intended to convey their respectability picketed annually until New York's Stonewall Riots convinced organizers that more radical protests were needed.*

8. In which year did the population of Philly reach its peak? *Believe it or not, per census records, the city population topped out in a), 1950, at 2,071,605. No wonder the next few decades were so heady! We're down about 500,000 folks since then.*

9. In November of 1967, then–Philly Police Commissioner Frank Rizzo led a force of hundreds of club-wielding police officers in a confrontation with what he described as "a howling, undisciplined and disorganized mob" that became a riot. Which rioters were the police confronting? *Slap your back (gently!) if you said b), high school students, that highly dangerous and rowdy species. Some 3,500 students had assembled at the Board of Education building at 21st and the Parkway; thousands more who wanted to attend were prevented when school officials and police locked school doors. The kids had presented a list of demands regarding student rights that included wearing natural hairstyles and being offered African studies courses. The administration had agreed to their demands, but Rizzo's belligerence—the TV news showed him yelling "Get their Black asses!"—touched off rioting.*

10. The mighty mighty 1964 Phillies team was one of the most, uh, tragically memorable in the franchise's history, with Dick Allen named National League Rookie of the Year, a perfect game pitched by Jim Bunning against the New York Mets, and a game-winning homer by Johnny Callison in the ninth inning of the All-Star Game. The Fightins then defied all logical odds by losing how many games in a row in late September to blow the pennant race? *It was c), a gravity-defying 10 straight games, and it knocked the entire city for a loop. My dad never forgave them. On the plus side, the debacle did mark the start of a sterling stretch for the team in which it moved to spanking-new Veterans Stadium (from Connie Mack Stadium), notched three divisional titles, and won its first-ever World Series.*