1952

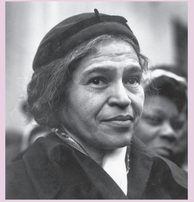
- Princess Elizabeth becomes Queen at age 25
- Truman nationalizes all steel mills
- Marshall Aid ends
- Jacques Cousteau discovers ancient Greek ship

1953

- Structure of DNA molecule discovered
- Joseph Stalin dies
- Dr. Jonas Salk announces his polio vaccine
- Hillary and Norgay first to ascend summit of Mt. Everest
- Julius and Ethel Rosenberg executed for espionage against US
- Lung cancer linked to cigarette smoking
- First color TV sets go on sale

1954

- First atomic submarine launched
- J.R.R. Tolkien publishes The Lord of the Rings
- Roger Bannister breaks four-minute mile
- Segregation ruled illegal in US

1955

- Disneyland opens
- James Dean dies in car accident
- Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on bus