

The history of... *Memphis*



Word Search!

Find the famous landmarks and features listed below.
Words may be upside down, backward or diagonal.

E R N Z Y Z I C Y S N I M
L S L W L N S Z L R O M E
V M E R I C A N R I V E M
I B G L R E A D T V C I P
S N D O U I E O A E B S H
P D I U Z B V X O R M D I
R L R A T M O E A B A A S
E F B J I P G G R O T Y I
S Z R X Y D N A H C W N N
L O E E I V C G E T I L M
E H W X N I I Z N S I T A
Y T O F N O H J O I E H Y
L X T E E R T S E L A E B

River City
Beale Street
Elvis Presley
Memphis in May
W.C. Handy

Time Line

- 1826** — Memphis is incorporated as a city.
- 1862** — The Union wins the Battle of Memphis in the Civil War.
- 1878** — An epidemic of yellow fever spreads across Memphis.
- 1940s** — Blues music begins to become popular in Memphis.
- 1952** — Sun Records opens.
- 1968** — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

Color the *Beale Street* sign!



From B.B. King to W.C. Handy, Memphis has been home to some of the best-known blues musicians in American history. Unscramble the words to discover fascinating facts about Beale Street, where many of the most famous blues clubs were located.

Quiz

Which of the three founders of Memphis later became President of the United States?

Andrew Jackson. The other two were John Overton and James Winchester.

1. Many of Memphis' famous musicians are honored on the _____ Walk of Fame. **ASRSB OENT**
2. Beale Street was at its busiest and best during the 1920s, sometimes called the _____ 20s. **INOARGR**
3. The _____ River lies at the foot of Beale Street. **PISISMISSIP**

Answers: 1) BRASS NOTE 2) ROARING 3) MISSISSIPPI