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Elvis Presley



Year Inducted into the Hall of Fame: The 1986 Induction Ceremony

Induction Category: Performer

Year Born and Died: January 8, 1935 – August 16, 1977

First Song Recorded: “That’s All Right” and “Blue Moon of Kentucky”

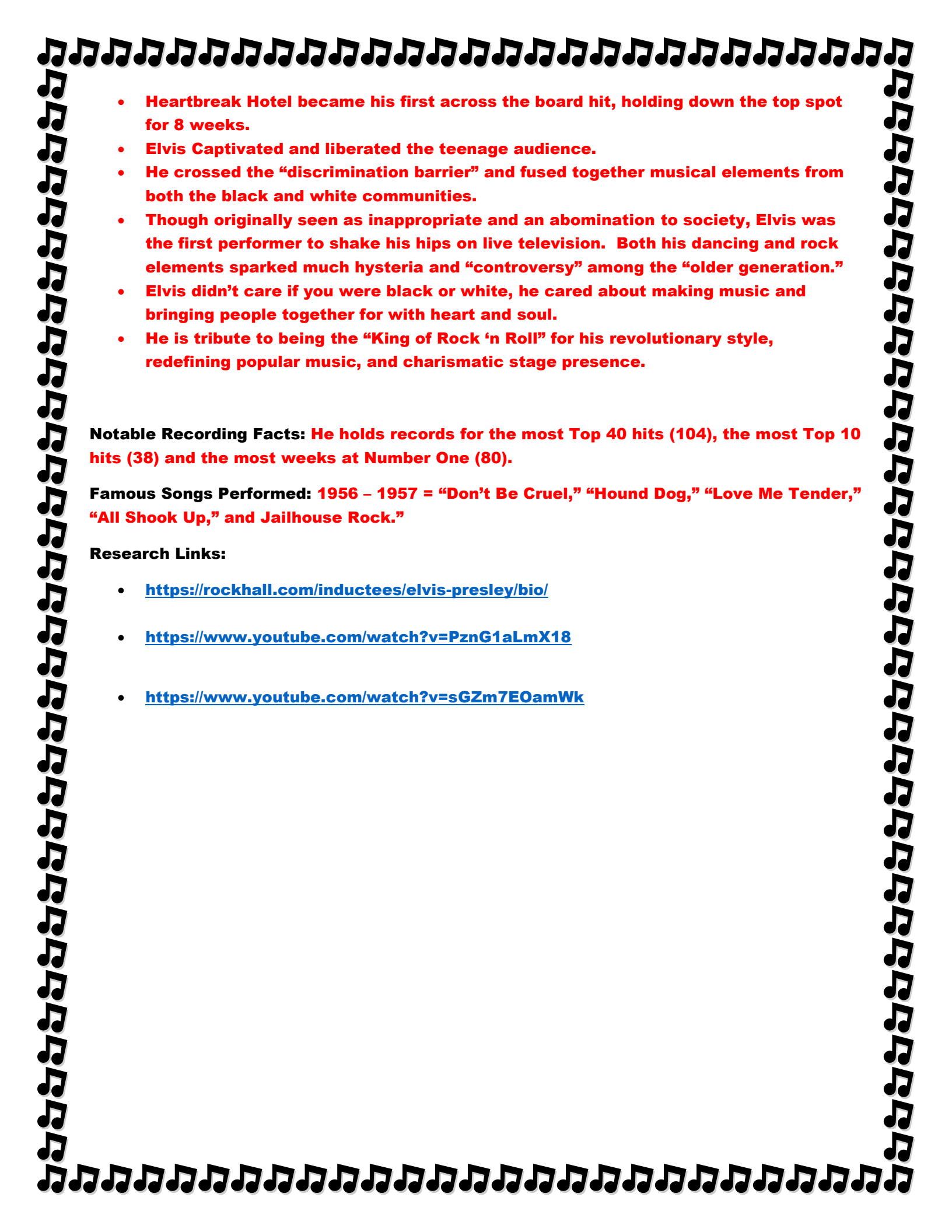
First Recording Company: Memphis Recording Service Sun Records, then signed with RCA Records.

First Appearance: In 1953 at the age of 18, right after his high school, he visited Memphis Recording Service to record his voice.

First Song Performed Publicly: January 28, 1956 on The Dorsey Brothers Stage Show.

Brief Bio and Important Recognitions:

- **Elvis was born in Tupelo, Mississippi and grew up surrounded by gospel music of the Pentecostal church.**
- **Moved to Memphis in 1948 where he was exposed to blues and jazz.**
- **RCA Records quickly heightened his career.**

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- **Heartbreak Hotel** became his first across the board hit, holding down the top spot for 8 weeks.
 - **Elvis Captivated** and liberated the teenage audience.
 - He crossed the “discrimination barrier” and fused together musical elements from both the black and white communities.
 - Though originally seen as inappropriate and an abomination to society, Elvis was the first performer to shake his hips on live television. Both his dancing and rock elements sparked much hysteria and “controversy” among the “older generation.”
 - Elvis didn’t care if you were black or white, he cared about making music and bringing people together for with heart and soul.
 - He is tribute to being the “King of Rock ‘n Roll” for his revolutionary style, redefining popular music, and charismatic stage presence.

Notable Recording Facts: He holds records for the most Top 40 hits (104), the most Top 10 hits (38) and the most weeks at Number One (80).

Famous Songs Performed: 1956 – 1957 = “Don’t Be Cruel,” “Hound Dog,” “Love Me Tender,” “All Shook Up,” and Jailhouse Rock.”

Research Links:

- <https://rockhall.com/inductees/elvis-presley/bio/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PznG1aLmX18>
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