

# Quiet On The Set

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? The two highest-grossing films of the 1950s were *The Ten Commandments* and *Ben-Hur*. The films helped jumpstart the career of film legend, Charlton Heston.

? The US has Hollywood, but the UK has Pinewood. Pinewood studios have been the location for many British films and TV shows, including the James Bond franchise.

? About 70% of all silent films have been lost permanently. Silent films were made with the highly flammable and corrodible chemical, nitrate.

? Despite the recent popularity of Marvel Universe films, the 2009 film *Avatar* still holds the top spot as the highest-grossing film of all time. *Avatar* has made \$2,847,246,203.

? An “exploitation film” is a movie that attempts to exploit current pop culture trends and usually contains scenes of gratuitous sex, violence, and/or drug use. They were particularly popular in the 1970s.

? In 1964, only 3% of households in the US had color TV sets. As technology improved, prices went down, so that by 1972 more than 50% of American households had color TV sets.

? A silver screen is a type of projection screen that was common in the early years of the film industry. The film industry eventually got its nickname from it.

? The 1980 Italian film, *Cannibal Holocaust*, was one of the first found footage films made. It appeared so real that director Ruggero Deodato was briefly charged with murder.

? The hit sitcom, *The Honeymooners*, starring Jackie Gleason began as a skit segment on different variety shows before being picked up by CBS. It ran on its own from 1955 through 1956.

? The 1963 film *Cleopatra* cost \$44 million to produce, but only took in \$40 million in ticket sales, making it one of the first true box office bombs.

? Actor Ken Osmond played Eddie Haskell in the late 1950s-early 1960s American sitcom Leave it to Beaver. After the show ended, he was a Los Angeles Police officer for 18 years.

? When the Music Television (MTV) network first aired on August 1, 1981, relatively few people were watching. The first video to play was "Video Killed the Radio Star" by the Buggles.

? The UK's Video Recording Act 1984 stated that VCR tapes for rent or sale had to be classified by the government. This law was the result of exploitation films, which the government called "video nasties," that evaded the censors.

? A TV set would cost \$129 to \$1,295 in the 1950s. A color set would be at the high end of the scale, easily over \$1,000.

? Stan Lee is the highest-grossing actor of all time at \$30,607,168,726, but that includes cameos and voice acting. Samuel Jackson is second with \$27,684,734,363.

? The Simpsons have broken many records in American television. For the number of seasons and episodes, it is the longest-running animated series, longest-running sitcom, and the longest-running scripted primetime television series.

? Thomas Edison was influential in the early film industry. He invented a motion picture viewer called the kinetoscope and started film studios in New Jersey and New York.