

Read the text about Woodstock and fill in the blanks with the correct words.

The Greatest Concert in History

The Woodstock Festival was a three-day pop and rock concert that turned out to be the most popular music (1) _____ in history. It became a symbol of the hippie (2) _____ of the 1960s.

Four young men organized the festival. The (3) _____ idea was to stage a concert that would (4) _____ enough money to build a recording studio for young musicians at Woodstock, New York. At first, many things went wrong. People didn't want any hippies and drug (5) _____ coming to the original location. About 2 months before the concert a new (6) _____ had to be found.

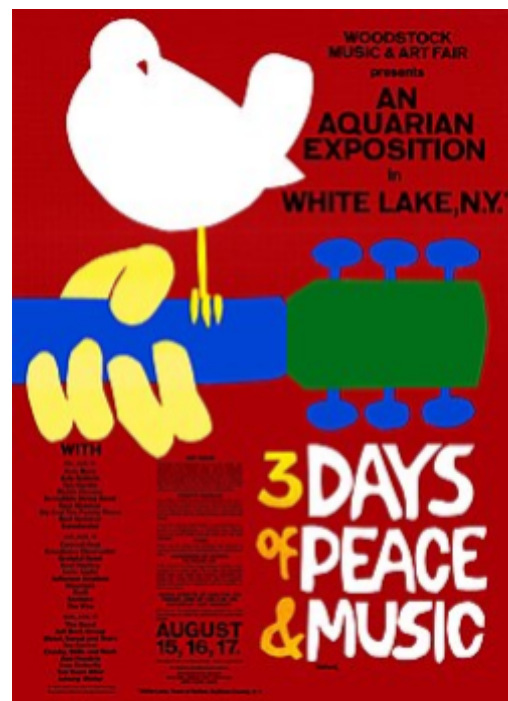
Luckily, the organizers found a 600 acre large dairy farm in Bethel, New York, where the concert could (7) _____ place. Because the venue had to be changed, not everything was finished in time.

The organizers (8) _____ about 50,000 people, but as the (9) _____ came nearer it became clear that far more people wanted to be at the event. A few days before the festival began, hundreds of thousands of pop and rock fans were on their (10) _____ to Woodstock. There were not enough gates where tickets were checked and fans made (11) _____ in the fences, so lots of people just walked in. About 300,000 to 500,000 people were at the concert.

The event caused a giant (12) _____ jam. Thousands simply left their cars parked on roads and highways and walked to the site.

On Friday, 15 August 1969 the festival (13) _____ started. Joan Baez, Arlo Guthrie and other folk artists performed. On Saturday, Santana, Janis Joplin, The Who and others starred on stage. Most people started (14) _____ on Sunday. When Jimi Hendrix was the last musician on the (15) _____ only about 25,000 fans were still present.

(16) _____ the whole festival people took drugs, had sex and (17) _____ around naked. The rain turned the whole place into one big muddy site. (18) _____ Woodstock was a big success, even though the organizers were (19) _____ with a debt of over a million dollars. A short time later a film about the festival (20) _____ a big hit.



Woodstock poster

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