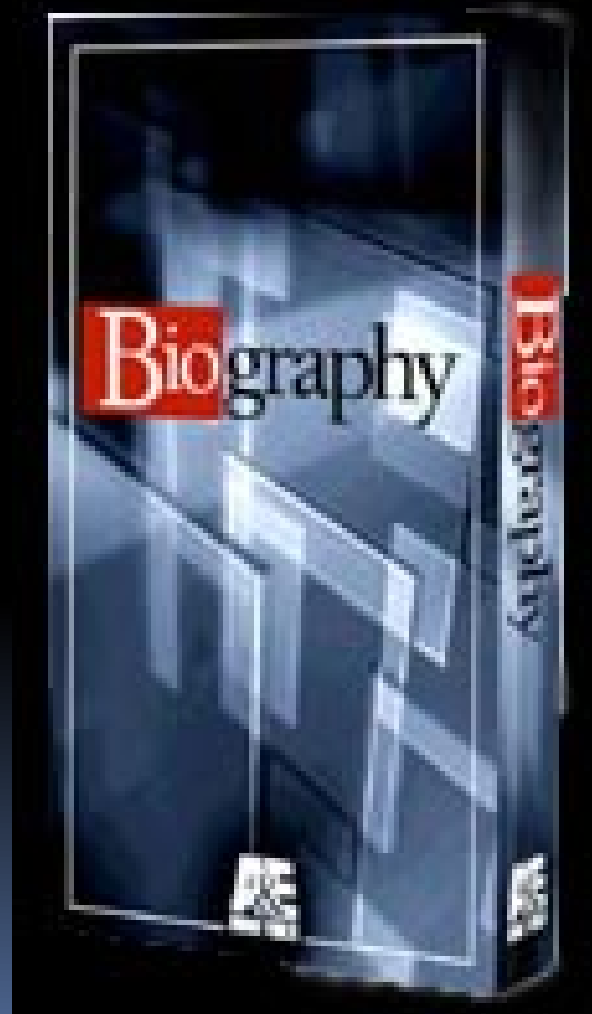


# Biography Assignment



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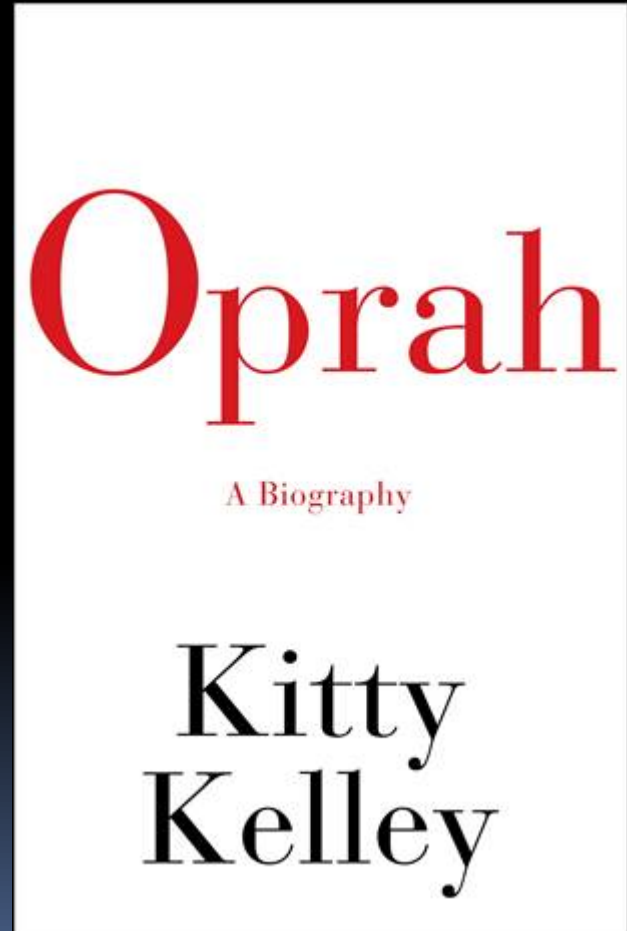
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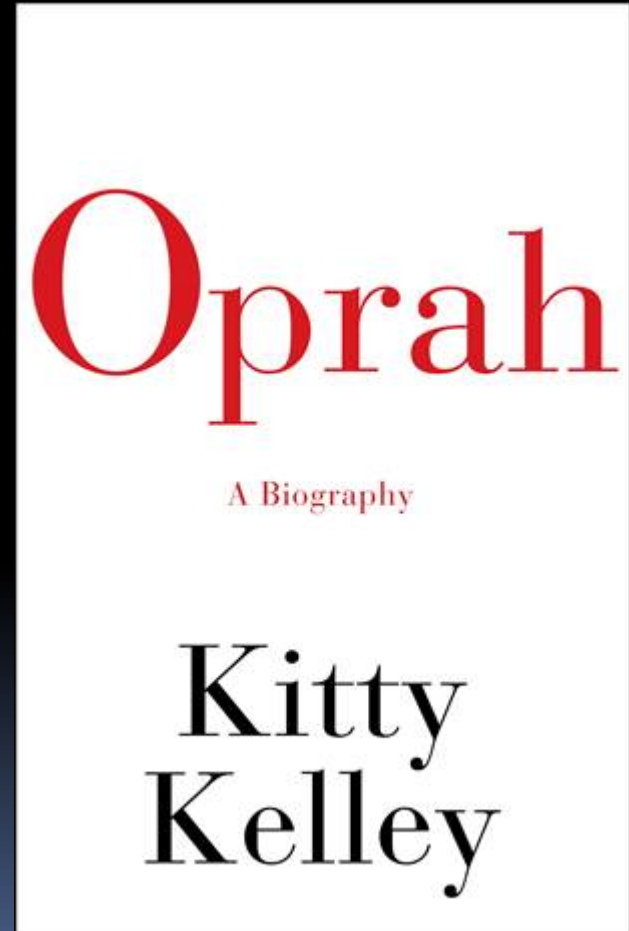
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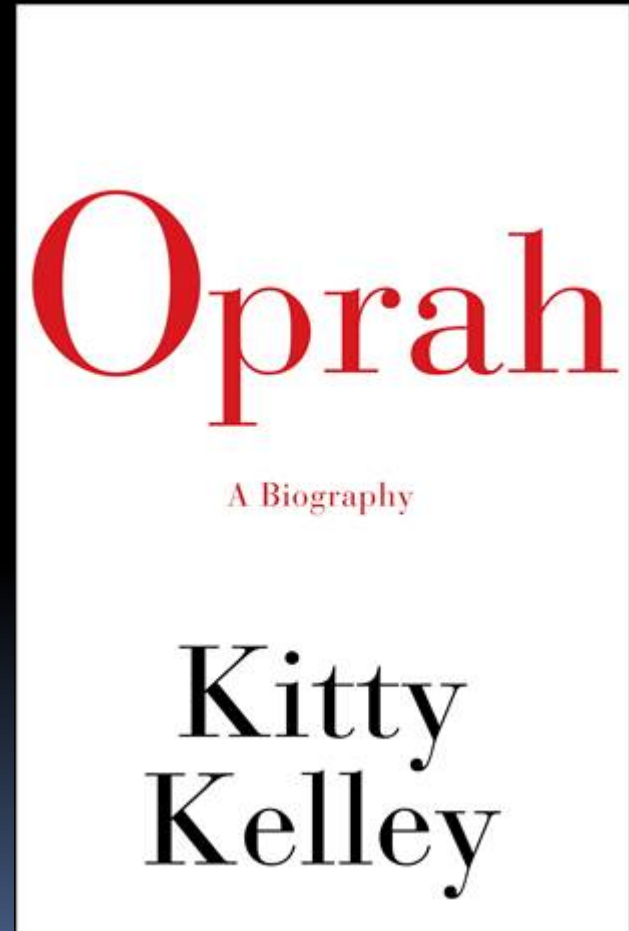
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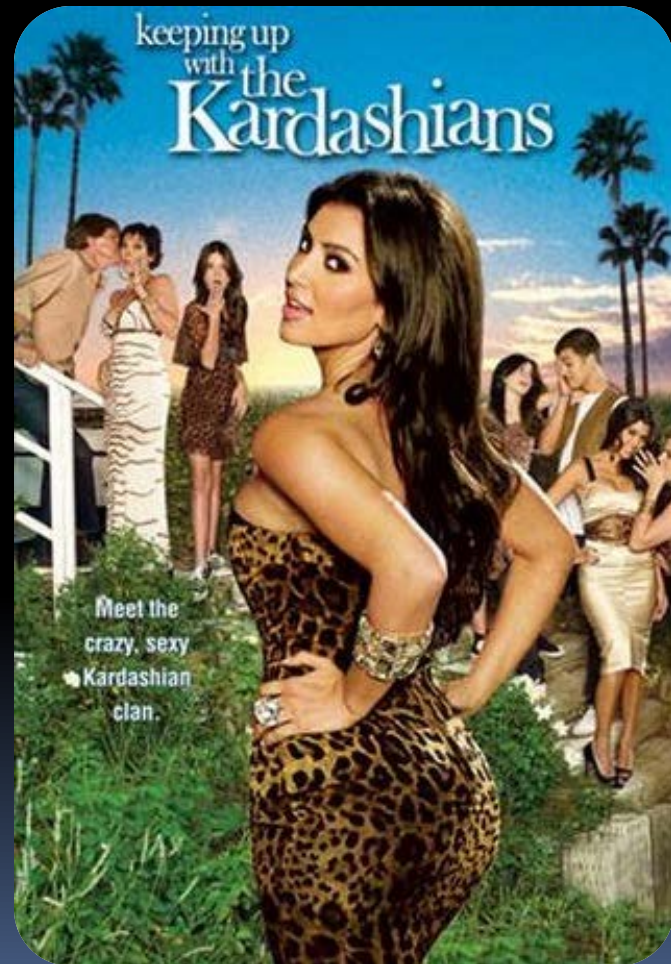


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- We all like to find out things about our favorite famous people



This assignment exploits those things.



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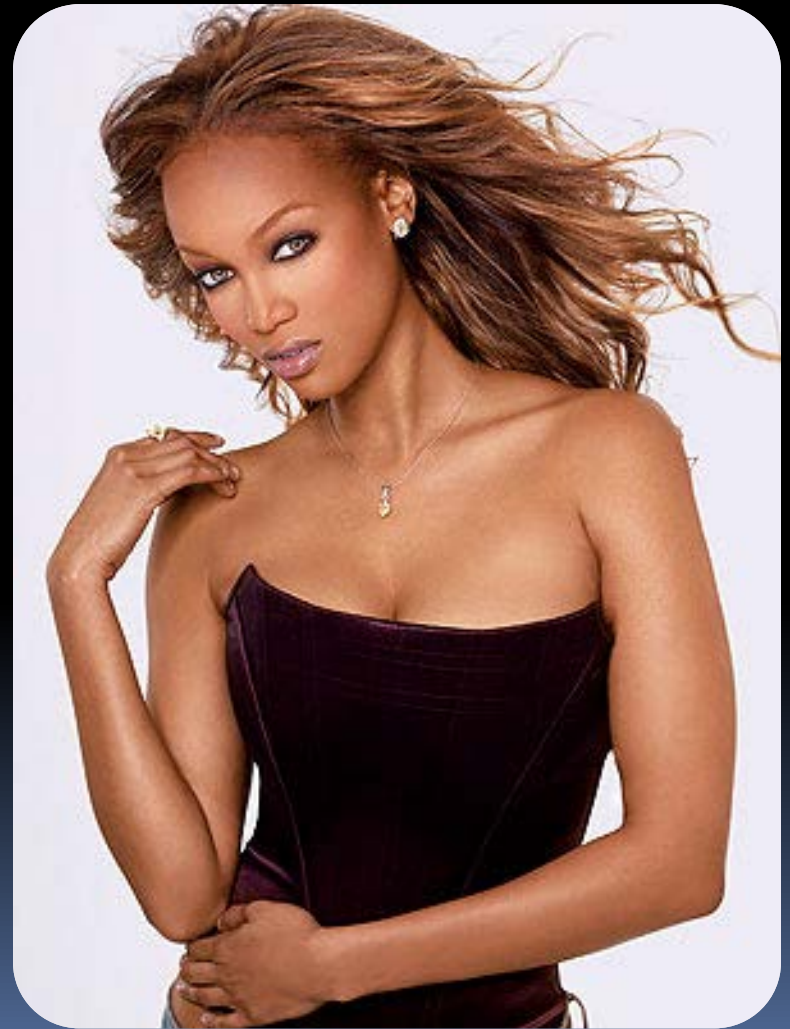
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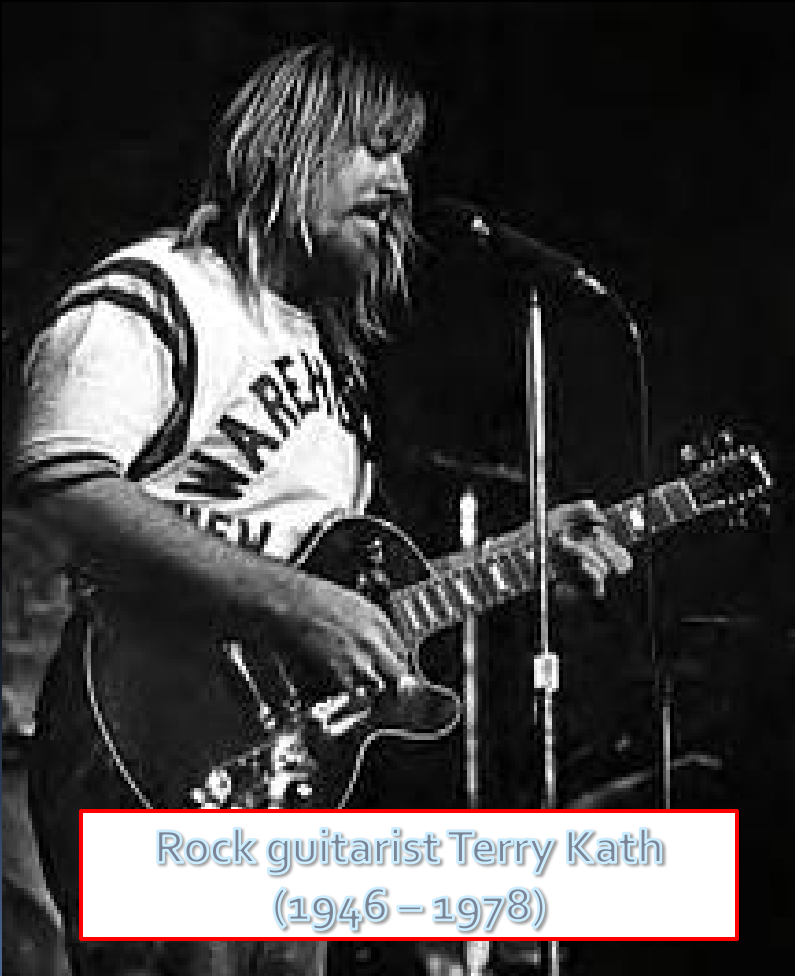
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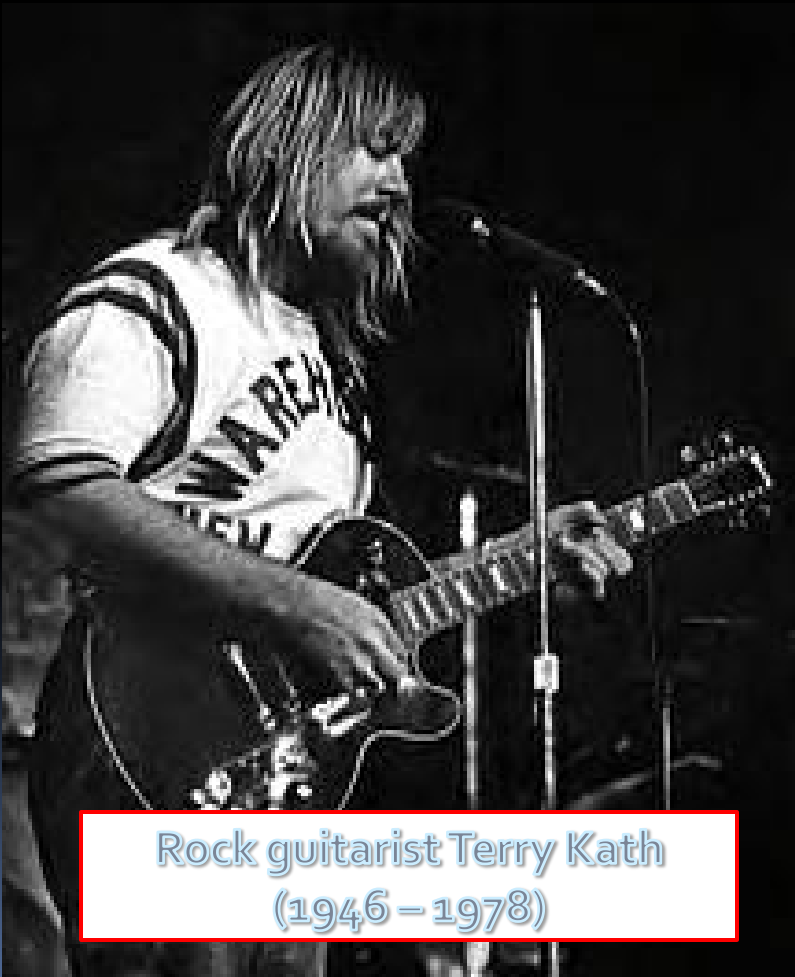
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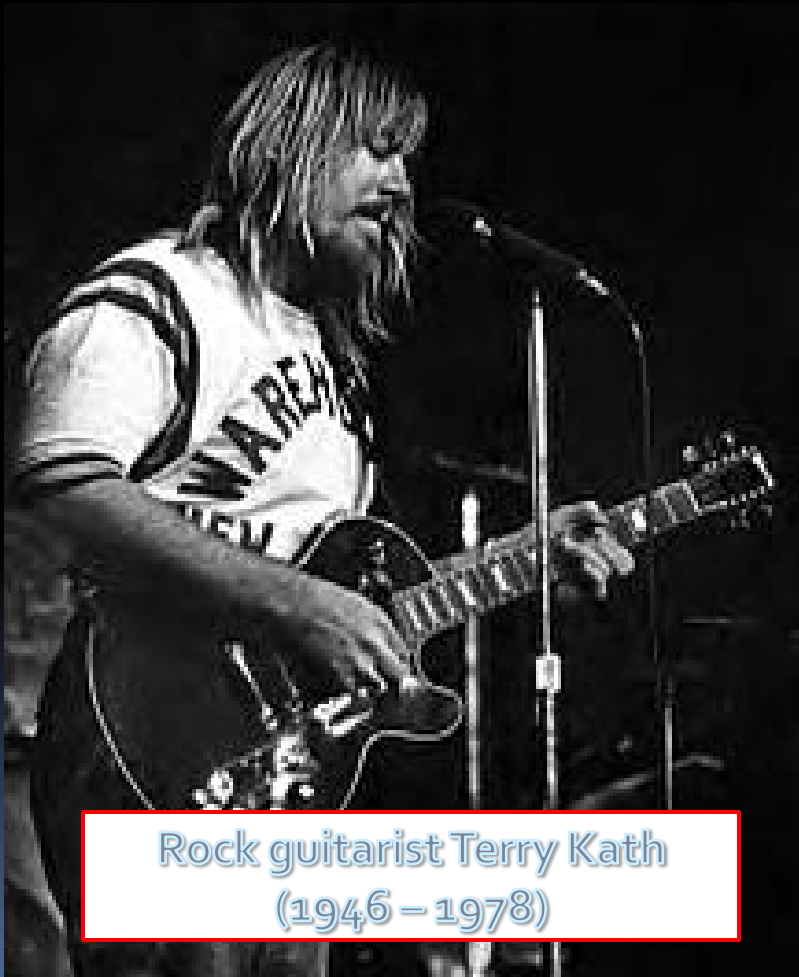
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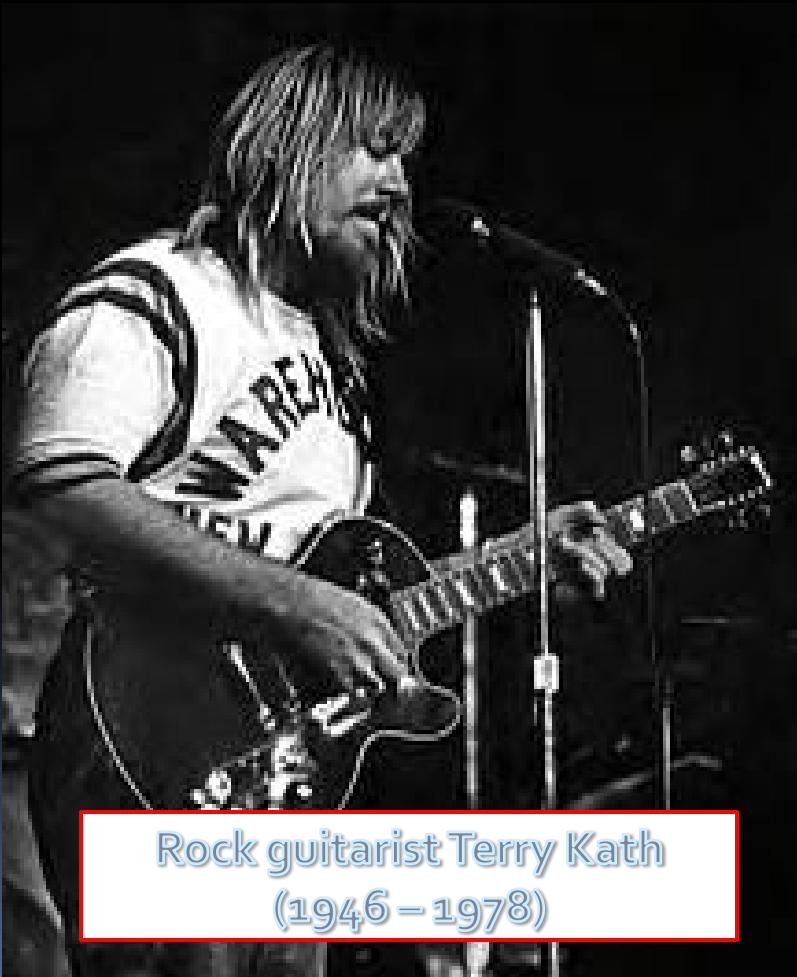
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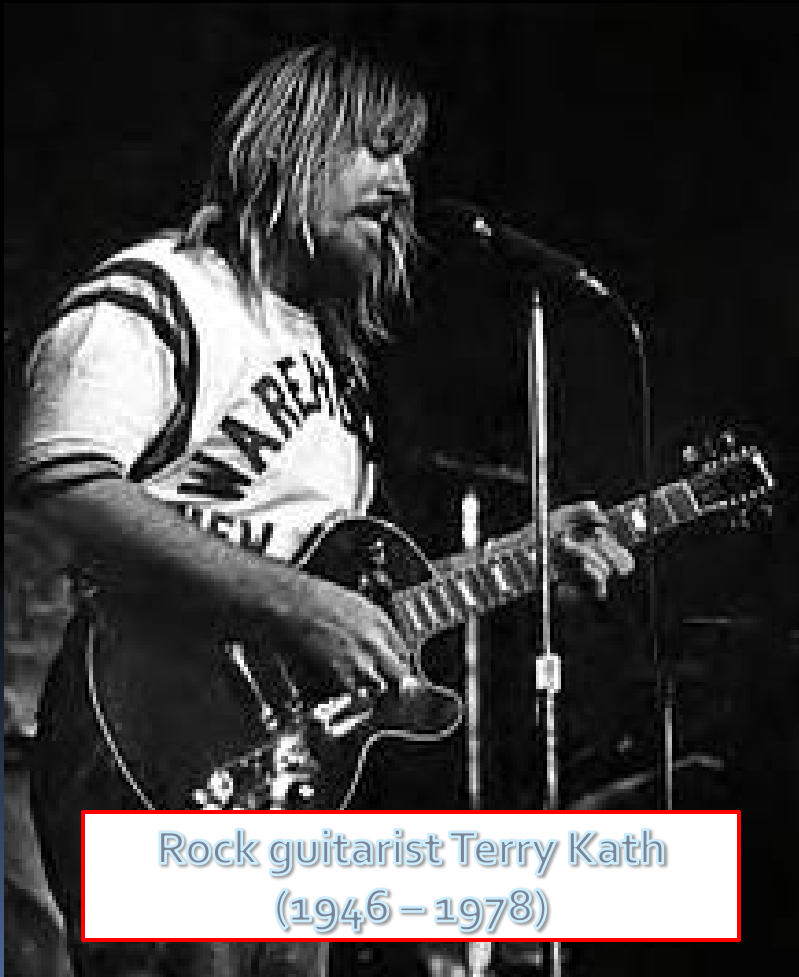
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My Sample:



LIFE

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- Trombonist with Chicago



It's Your Turn..

