Images of Birmingham in the 1950s and 1960s

The pioneering Heavy Metal bands Black Sabbath and Judas Priest were both formed in the late 1960s in the industrial city of Birmingham in central Britain. The pictures below illustrate what the city and areas around it looked like when founding members of both bands were growing up.

Lining up for Fuel, 1951          World War II Rationing Ends, 1954

The “Bull Ring,” c. 1950          New Street Station, 1963