

THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON YEARS (1960-1969)

SSUSH20 The student will analyze the domestic and international impact of the Cold War on the United States.

- c. Describe the Cuban Revolution, the Bay of Pigs, and the Cuban missile crisis.
- d. Describe the Vietnam War, the Tet Offensive, and growing opposition to the war.

SSUSH21 The student will explain the impact of technological development and economic growth on the United States, 1945-1975.



- b. Describe the impact television has had on American culture; include the presidential debates (Kennedy/Nixon, 1960) and news coverage of the Civil Rights Movement.

SSUSH23 The student will describe and assess the impact of political developments between 1945 and 1970.

- a. Describe the Warren Court and the expansion of individual rights as seen in the Miranda decision.
- b. Describe the political impact of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy; include the impact on civil rights legislation.
- c. Explain Lyndon Johnson's Great Society; include the establishment of Medicare.
- d. Describe the social and political turmoil of 1968; include the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, and the events surrounding the Democratic National Convention.

SSUSH24 The student will analyze the impact of social change movements and organizations of the 1960s.

- f. Describe the rise of the conservative movement as seen in the presidential candidacy of Barry Goldwater (1964) and the election of Richard M. Nixon (1968).

<p>Kennedy Takes Office</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who was elected President in 1960? 2. What impact did television have on the 1960 election? 3. Name two interesting facts about JFK's election in 1960: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. b.
<p>Kennedy and the Cold War</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In 1959, how did the Cuban Revolution affect the island of Cuba? 2. Who was the leader of the Cuban Communist regime? 3. Why were many Americans fearful of Fidel Castro? 4. In 1961, why was JFK and the CIA planning to invade Cuba? 4. The US supported Cuban exiles (Anti-Castro Cubans) in the planned invasion to overthrow Castro. What was this planned invasion called?  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Was the Bay of Pigs successful in overthrowing the communist government in Cuba? 6. What two effects did the failed Bay of Pigs invasion have on the relationship between/among Cuba, the US and the Soviet Union? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. b.

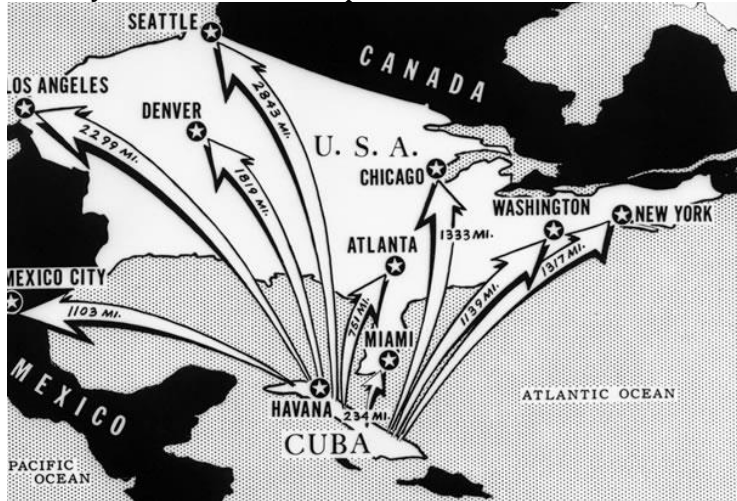
Cuban Missile Crisis



Explain how this cartoon depicts the Cuban Missile Crisis.

1. What event set off the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962?

2. Coincidentally, where had the US positioned its missiles?



3. How many days was the world on the brink of nuclear war?

4. How was the Cuban Missile Crisis resolved?

5. What communication line was created between the US and the USSR as a result of the Cuban Missile Crisis?

Kennedy and Civil Rights

1. Why was JFK reluctant to pursue Civil Rights legislation?

2. How did television begin to change Kennedy's (and America's) minds about Civil Rights legislation?

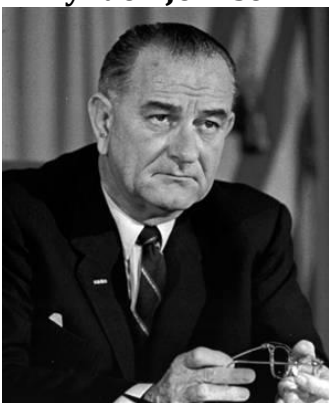
3. Robert "Bobby" Kennedy (RFK) was JFK's brother. He was also the Attorney General of the US. What is the job of the Attorney General?

4. What fate befell JFK on November 22nd, 1963 in Dallas, Texas?

5. Who becomes President after the assassination of JFK?

6. How did JFK's assassination impact Civil Rights legislation?

Lyndon Johnson



1. The new President Lyndon Johnson had a plan to improve the lives of many struggling Americans. What was this plan called?

2. Identify some of the goals of LBJ's "Great Society":


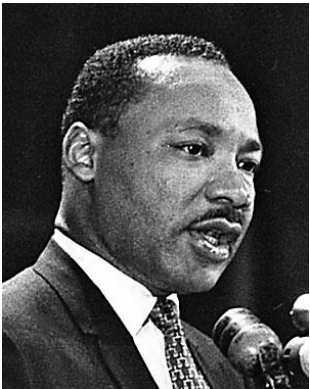
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<p>Johnson Defeats Goldwater</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who did President Johnson run against in the 1964 election? 2. What beliefs made Barry Goldwater a “conservative”? 3. Why were many conservatives opposed to the Great Society? 4. How did Johnson’s “Daisy Ad” (which ran during the 1964 election cycle) influence the outcome of the election?
<p>The Warren Court</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the 1950s and 1960s, who served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court? 2. What rights were given to accused criminals as a result of the <i>Miranda v. Arizona</i> (1966) decision? 3. HIGHER ORDER THINKING: How did the Warren Court calm the fears of many in the 1960s who feared that the federal government was becoming too powerful?
<p>The Vietnam War (Very Briefly)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is the Vietnam War considered an extension of the Cold War? 2. What type of economy did North Vietnam have? 3. What type of economy did South Vietnam have? 4. Why was the United States assisting the South Vietnamese?
<p>1968: A Year of Turmoil</p>  	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What two political/social icons were assassinated in 1968? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. b. 2. What is a political party convention? 3. Where was the Democratic National Convention held in 1968? 4. Why did LBJ decide not to run for re-election in 1968? 5. What was significant about the DNC in 1968? 6. What two issues were people protesting at the DNC? 7. What actions did the mayor of Chicago take to regain control of the rioting protestors? 8. What did these demonstrations show about the feelings of many in America in the late 1960s? 