

THE 1960S AND 1970S

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Outcomes

1. Describe the high expectations Kennedy's New Frontier aroused and the political obstacles it encountered.
2. Analyze the theory and practice of Kennedy's "flexible response" in Asia and Latin America.
3. Describe Johnson's succession to the presidency in 1963, his electoral landslide over Goldwater in 1964, and his Great Society successes of 1965.
4. Discuss the course of the black movement in the 1960s, from civil rights to Black Power.
5. Indicate how Johnson led the United States deeper into the Vietnam quagmire.
6. Explain how the Vietnam War brought turmoil to American society and eventually drove Johnson and the divided Democrats from power in 1968.
7. Describe the cultural rebellions of the 1960s, and indicate their short-term and long-term consequences
8. Describe Nixon's policies toward the war in Vietnam and Cambodia.
9. Analyze Nixon's domestic policies and his appeal to the "silent majority."
10. Describe the American withdrawal from Vietnam, the final communist victory, and the "new isolationism" represented by the War Powers Act.
11. Discuss the Watergate scandals and Nixon's resignation
12. Explain the related economic and energy crises of the 1970s and indicate how Nixon, Ford, and Carter attempted to deal with them
13. Analyze the successes and failures of the détente with Moscow and the opening to Beijing pursued by the American administrations of the 1970s
14. describe the rise of the new feminist movement, and the gains and setbacks for women and minorities in the 1970s
15. Explain the connection between Middle East conflicts and the troubled American economy and describe the attempts of American administrations of the 1970s to solve both sets of problems
16. Discuss the Iranian crisis and its political consequences for Carter

Resources

Text, chapters 39-40

Outline

- I. John F. Kennedy
 - A. Background & 1960 election
 - B. The New Frontier
 - C. Cold War problems
 1. Berlin
 2. Laos
 3. Cuba
 - D. Kennedy's assassination
- II. Lyndon Baines Johnson
 - A. Biography
 - B. 1964 election
 - C. The Great Society
- III. The Civil Rights Movement
 - A. beginnings
 - B. Leaders & strategies

- C. Nonviolent confrontations
- D. Political response
 - 1. Kennedy
 - 2. March on Washington
 - 3. Johnson
- E. African American discontent
- IV. America in Vietnam
 - A. Before the French
 - B. France in Vietnam; Ho Chi Minh & the first Indochinese War
 - C. America Takes Over
 - 1. Ngo Dinh Diem
 - 2. Kennedy's policy
 - 3. Escalation under Johnson
 - D. Conflict & Protest
 - 1. Turning point: Tet Offensive & Khe Sanh
 - 2. peace talks & My Lai
 - 3. student activism & war resistance
 - E. Nixon & The End of the War
 - 1. Viet Namization
 - 2. bombing of Cambodia
 - 3. January 1973: cease fire
 - F. Legacy of the war
- V. Richard Nixon
 - A. Economic stagnation in the 1970s
 - B. Détente with China and the USSR
 - C. Supreme Court activism
 - D. Domestic policy
 - E. The 1972 election & Watergate
 - F. The energy crisis
- VI. Gerald Ford
- VII. Jimmy Carter
 - A. 1976 election
 - B. humanitarian diplomacy
 - C. tackling the ailing economy
 - D. cold war politics
 - E. hostages in Iran

Vocabulary

Barry Goldwater	Lyndon B. Johnson	Cambodian incursion	MIRVs
Charles de Gaulle	Malcolm X	Civil Rights Act of 1964	My Lai massacre
Daniel Ellsberg	Martin Luther King, Jr.	counterculture	New Frontier
Earl Warren	Richard M. Nixon	credibility gap	Nixon Doctrine
Eugene McCarthy	Robert F. Kennedy	CREEP	nuclear test-ban treaty
George McGovern	Robert S. McNamara	Cuban Missile Crisis	OPEC
George Wallace	Sam Erwin	Détente	Operation Rolling
Gerald Ford	Spiro Agnew	enemies list	Thunder
Henry Kissinger	Stokely Carmichael	energy crisis	Peace Corps
Hubert H. Humphrey	Warren Burger	<i>Engel v. Vitale</i>	peaceful coexistence
J. William Fulbright	Zbigniew Brzezinski	flexible response	Pentagon Papers
Jimmy Carter		Great Society	Pueblo Incident
Shah of Iran	24 th Amendment	Helsinki accords	revenue sharing
Ayatollah Khomeini	26 th Amendment	Impoundment	Saturday Night Massacre
John Dean	ABM treaty / SALT	Iranian hostage crisis	Shah of Iran
John F. Kennedy	Alliance for Progress	Kent State killings	southern strategy
Lee Harvey Oswald	Bay of Pigs	March on Washington	Tet offensive

Tonkin Gulf Resolution

Vienna Summit

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Vietnamization

Voting Rights Act

War Powers Act

Watergate scandal