



The Sixties 1960-1968



Chapter 30

Discussion – The Kennedy Years (788-792)

- ▶ (788/789) Who was John F. Kennedy prior to becoming president?
 - ▶ Discuss Kennedy's approach to the social welfare system of the United States as put in place by the New Deal?
 - ▶ What issues did Kennedy tend to avoid?
 - ▶ Discuss Kennedy's approach to international issues. What policies did he support?
 - ▶ (790) How did Kennedy feel about talking with the Soviets? Did he really believe that we should find a peaceful solution to the cold war?
 - ▶ (790) How did Kennedy view the 'third world' what types of organizations did he create in order to expand American influence in the third world?
- ▶ (790) What was built in Berlin in the 1960's that became the essential line in the sand of the cold war?
 - ▶ Why was this built? What did this represent regarding American / Soviet Relations?
- ▶ (791) What was the Bay of Pigs Invasion? What happened and why? What were the results?
- ▶ (791/ 792) Discuss the Cuban Missile Crisis – Tell the story from beginning to end in your own words.
 - ▶ It is often said that the Cuban Missile Crisis was the closest the United States and the Soviet Union would come to full scale war. Do you believe this to be true? Why or why not?



The Kennedy Administration

▶ Kennedy and the World

▶ Establishment of the Peace Corps

- ▶ Sent Young Americans to aid in the economic / educational progress of developing countries
 - Combat Communism

▶ The Space Race

- ▶ Soviet Union – Sends Satellite (Sputnik) (1957) and first astronaut into orbit (Yuri Gagarin) - 1961
- ▶ Kennedy Announces American Aims to go to the Moon in less than 10 years – 1969

▶ Latin America

- ▶ Aid in financing of economic development of Latin America
 - Sees Marshal Plan as an Example
 - Corruption in LA shoots down progress

▶ World Events

- ▶ Sees through the lens of the Cold War



Kennedy and Cuba

► Cuba 1959

► Communist Revolution – Fidel Castro

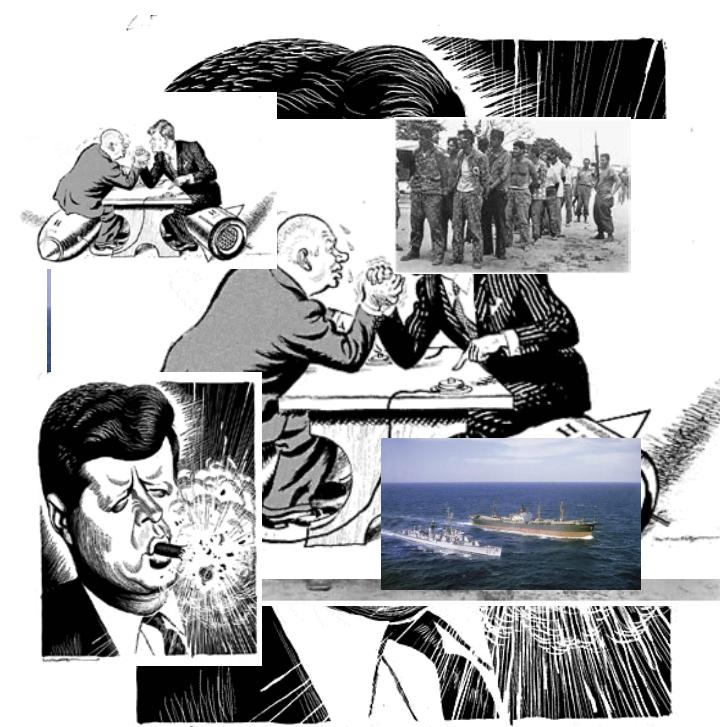
- Ousted Cuban Dictator Fulgencio Batista
- Castro Nationalizes American possessions in Cuba
 - Eisenhower suspends trade with island
 - CIA Begins training Anti-Castro exiles to invade Cuba

► Bay of Pigs

- April 1961 – Kennedy Gives Green Light for Invasion
- Bay of Pigs – Ultimate Failure 100 dead 1,100 captured
- Castro becomes closer tie to Soviets

► Deterioration of Cold War

- Superpowers more at odds
 - Soviets construct wall separating Berlin in 1961- prevent emigration out of east Berlin
 - October 1962 – Spy planes discover installation of nuclear missiles in Cuba
 - 13 Days – America was on the Brink of Nuclear War
 - Behind the scenes negotiations prevented war and secured withdrawal of missiles



Discussion/ The Freedom Movement (792-794 / 796 – 797)

- ▶ (792/793) What is the SNCC and what were their goals? (in your own words)
 - ▶ What were the “Freedom Rides” and what was the purpose of this event?
 - ▶ What struggles did the freedom riders face?
- ▶ (793) What occurred in Birmingham in the In 1961 and 1963?
 - ▶ In May of 1963 what decision was made by King involving black schoolchildren?
 - ▶ How did the local police respond?
 - ▶ What was the reaction of the American People?
 - ▶ What was the reaction of President Kennedy?
- ▶ (794) On August 28th 1963 what occurred in Washington DC?
 - ▶ What did the protesters want?
 - ▶ What famous speech was delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial?



Civil Rights

- ▶ The Voting Rights Act 1965
 - ▶ Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Alabama
 - ▶ Led a march to protest a restriction on black voting – “we shall overcome” song of protest
 - In defiance of a ban instituted by governor
 - Non violent – assaulted by police
 - Images made it to TV
 - Federal Government takes action
 - ▶ Voting Rights Act
 - ▶ Allows Federal Officials to Register Voters
 - ▶ 24th Amendment
 - ▶ Outlaws the poll tax
 - ▶ Johnson's Freedom and Equality
 - ▶ The Great Society
 - ▶ New Program intended to promote the general welfare of America
 - First since New Deal
 - Health Services to the Poor and Elderly
 - Urban development and housing development



Discussion – Lyndon Johnson’s Presidency (794-799)

- ▶ (796) Discuss the differences between Lyndon Johnson and John F. Kennedy. What were the differences in their upbringings? How do you think this will influence each of their presidencies?
- ▶ (796-797) How does the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Represent the culmination of Johnson’s history and understanding of the world?
 - ▶ What did the Civil Rights act of 1964 Say?
 - ▶ (797) What was the Voting Rights Act?
- ▶ (796) What was the Great Society? What types of things were included in Johnson’s Plan?
 - ▶ (798) What was the War on Poverty? Did it have any influence on America?
 - ▶ (799) What was Medicare and Medicade? How did these programs impact the United States?



Johnsons Social Systems

- ▶ The War on Poverty
 - ▶ Great Society
 - ▶ Use of New Deal Type Language
 - ▶ Response to prosperity
 - Belief that prosperity could encourage further economic programs
 - ▶ Direct Aid to the Poor
 - ▶ Food Stamps
 - ▶ Indirect Aid
 - ▶ Loss of Jobs due to mechanization and technology
 - Unskilled Labor
 - ▶ Provide training and skills to poor
 - Head Start – Early Childhood Education
 - Job Training, Legal Services, School Services
- ▶ Freedom and Equality
 - ▶ Johnson – Brings back “Freedom from Want”
 - ▶ “The man who is hungry, who cannot find work or education his children, who is bowed by want, that man is not fully free.”
 - ▶ Provide Equality of Opportunity for Americans
 - Reduces Poverty from 22% to 12%
 - Extremely expensive
 - Narrows Gap between Whites and Blacks significantly



Lyndon Johnson's War – Discussion (799-804)

- ▶ (800) Despite receiving blame for most of the Vietnam War was Johnson the first president to commit troops to Vietnam?
 - ▶ (Internet) Who is Ngo Din Diem and who is Ho Chi Minh? What did they lead? Who was supported by the United States?
 - ▶ Why did the United States Support the people that we did?
- ▶ (800) What was the Tonkin Gulf Incident and Resolution? What occurred and what did the Resolution give Johnson the authority to do?
 - ▶ When Tonkin Gulf happened how did most Americans feel about involvement in Vietnam?
 - ▶ (802) Where did the United States get most of the soldiers who will serve in Vietnam?
- ▶ (803) By the Mid 1960's what was happening to American support for the Vietnam War?
 - ▶ (803 / 804) What about public figures who had originally supported the war? Were they steadfast in their support? Who was or was not and why?



The Anti-War Movement

- ▶ Vietnam Opposition
 - ▶ United a Generation (SNCC, SDS)
 - ▶ Objection to a free society's use of violence
 - ▶ Objection of societal elites using war without public debate
 - Protests of 25k in Washington DC
 - ▶ Outright Rebellion
 - ▶ Burning of Draft Cards / Fleeing to Canada (1967)
 - ▶ Protest of 100k in DC
 - March from Lincoln Memorial to Pentagon
- ▶ The Counter Culture
 - ▶ Objection to Vietnam / Culture of the Generation Prior
 - ▶ Objection to War / Temperance / Anti Drug Usage / Sexual Rejection
 - ▶ Promotion of Rock Music / Colorful Clothing / sexual freedom / black revolution / Native American Resistance / LSD Usage to promote “mind expansion”
 - ▶ Woodstock
 - ▶ Three Days of Peace and Music: Aug 15-17 1969



Youth and Vietnam– Discussion (805-809)

- ▶ (805) What had changed about America's youth by the 1960s? What did these young people believe about the nation?
 - ▶ What was the “New Left” and what did they believe?
 - ▶ (805/806) What was the SDS? What were their founding principles?
- ▶ (806) What occurred at the University of California, Berkeley in 1964?
 - ▶ What was the free Speech Movement and how did it evolve out of UC Berkeley?
- ▶ (806) Discuss the political activism of youth in the 1960's has this been something that is uncommon in the history of the United States?
 - ▶ What is ‘in loco parentis’?
- ▶ (806) What is a Hawk and a Dove? How does this relate to Vietnam and the student political movements of the 1960's?
- ▶ (807 / 809) What is the counterculture? What types of things / people / music represented the counterculture?
 - ▶ What types of styles and ideals represented the counterculture?
 - ▶ What is “free love?” What changed about American marriage and sexual culture among youth in the 1960's?

A New Left

- ▶ 1960's – The New Left
 - ▶ Different from previous “silent generation”
 - ▶ Rejected old view of ideal in Communist Party
 - Believed in the fight against bureaucratic and unfair governmental practices
 - Demanded full access to benefits of society and removal of racial / ethnic / cultural / income restrictions
- ▶ Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)
 - ▶ Founded by college students
 - ▶ Summarized the beliefs of the 60's generation
 - ▶ Criticized – political parties / corporations / unions / military industrial complex
 - ▶ 8000 members by 1962
 - ▶ Flashpoint – UC Berkeley 1964
 - ▶ Rule prohibits using of common campus areas by political organizations
 - ▶ Campus wide protests lead to repealing of rule in 1965



info@studentsforademocraticociety.org

Protest to “Rebellion” – America and Vietnam

- ▶ Protests on the Rise
 - ▶ Black Rights / New Left
 - ▶ Vietnam Transforms / Unites
- ▶ Extension of Cold War Policies
 - ▶ Policy of Containment – Sees Local Conflicts as part of Soviet World Domination Plot
 - ▶ Support of French Colonialism over Ho Chi Minh's Nationalists in Vietnam
 - ▶ Later support of “Pro America” South (Ngo Dinh Diem) over Communist North (Ho Chi Minh)
 - US (Kennedy) Eventually supports overthrow of Diem and commitment of forces (advisors) to Vietnam.



Discussion: The Changing Black Movement (804 – 805)

- ▶ (804) What were the Ghetto Uprisings? What were these uprisings in response to?
 - ▶ In 1968 what was concluded as the cause of continuing unrest between whites and blacks in the United States?
 - ▶ What has history show us as the cause for these Urban Riots?
- ▶ (805) Who is Malcolm X?
 - ▶ How did Malcolm X's ideas change over time? Describe his progression from beginning to end?
 - ▶ What is “Black Power?” How did this idea / slogan impact the 1960’s?
- ▶ (805) Who are the Black Panthers? What did they believe?
- ▶ (Think) How do you think Martin Luther King Jr. would have responded to Malcolm X and the Black Panthers?



The Changing Black Movement

- ▶ Civil Rights Movements
 - ▶ Confronted by violence from the outside and inside
- ▶ Ghetto Uprisings
 - ▶ Battles between blacks and predominantly white police
 - ▶ Anger over continued inequality despite law
 - ▶ Harlem 1964, Los Angeles 1965 – etc (Newark, Detroit)
 - ▶ Widespread Violence by 1967
 - Fears of a racial civil war
 - Blamed on “segregation and poverty”
 - High black unemployment 2x of whites
 - Calls for government spending on urban development and job creation (MLK)
 - ▶ "Freedom budget"
 - ▶ Early calls for affirmative action
 - ▶ King Combats Economics
 - ▶ Attempts at integration in the North
 - ▶ End to discrimination in employment, unions, and mortgages.
 - Mostly failed – calls for “better distribution of wealth” – more radical than previous ideas



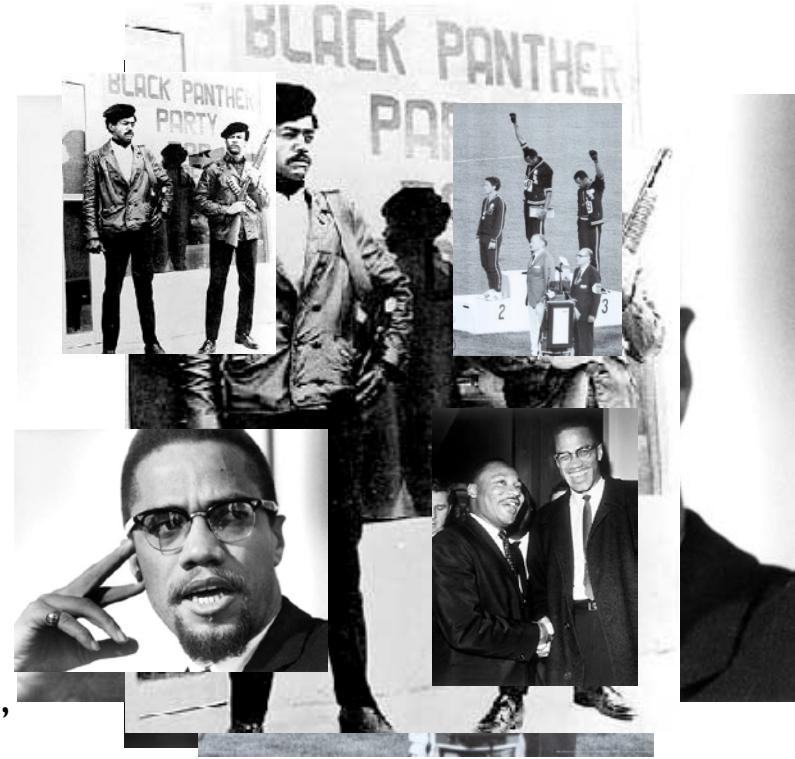
Malcolm X

► Continued Changing Movements

- King – calls for working with whites
- Malcolm X – calls for reliance on black communities
 - Nation of Islam – Black Muslims
 - Sharp critic of ideas of nonviolence / integration
 - “I don’t see any American dream, I see an American nightmare”
 - Ideas Change – Visits Mecca sees many races, all Muslims, getting along
 - Changes Tune
 - Assassinated by Nation of Islam
 - Seen as Father of “Black Power”

► Rise of Black Power

- Rallying Cry against government failure to stop racial violence against civil rights workers
 - Calls for everything from election of black officeholders to outright revolution
 - Abandonment of “Negro” in favor of “Afro-American”
- The Black Panthers
 - Abandonment of interracialism and civil disobedience
 - Armed defense against police brutality



Turmoil of the 1960's (809-812)

- ▶ (809) What was the Tet Offensive? Who was victorious at the end of this offensive?
 - ▶ (809 / 810) What impact did the Tet offensive have on the American Public and its opinions regarding Vietnam?
 - ▶ (810) Due to the Controversy regarding Vietnam and the Tet Offensive what did Johnson decide to do?
- ▶ (810) The 1960's were also marked by a number of acts of violence and Assassinations. Who were some of the people who were killed in the 1960's? By Whom? Why?
 - ▶ What other acts of violence occurred in the 1960's?
- ▶ (812) What occurred in the Election of 1968? Why the winner win? What did he promise?
 - ▶ What occurred in 1968 that fulfilled Kennedy's Legacy?
- ▶ (Internet) Look up the two court cases Miranda v Arizona and Roe v Wade
 - ▶ Give a brief summary of these two cases and their impact on the United States.



Turmoil of the 1960's

▶ Turmoil

▶ Martin Luther King Jr.

- ▶ March of Thousands of Demonstrators in Washington DC
 - Demand increased anti-poverty efforts
- ▶ Assassinated (April 4 1968) during support of Black Garbage collectors in Memphis TN

▶ Urban Ghetto Riots

- ▶ Response to Assassination of King
 - Military occupation of DC to restore order
 - Congress passes Open Housing Act
 - Prohibits discrimination in sale / renting of homes

▶ Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy

- ▶ Democratic Nomination for President

▶ Continuing College / Public Protests around the Nation

- ▶ Columbia University – NY
- ▶ Protests in Chicago Democratic National Convention

