

# The Tumultuous Years

## The 60s & 70s

**Essay Questions:** You will be given ONE of the following essays on the test.

1. Was the Vietnam War a noble cause, a tragic blunder, or an unfortunate but inevitable outcome of the cold war?

Consider the following:

- Why were we there?
- How was the war fought?
- What was the impact of the war on the soldiers who fought it, and on the nation as a whole?
- Why did it end the way it did?

2. To what extent was the Civil Rights Movement successful after 1965?

3. The 50s are, of course, remembered as the “good ‘ol days.” In your opinion, did life in America get better or worse in the 60s and 70s? Why?

Date	Topic	Targets & Objectives	Homework
Thu 2/20	Go over Postwar test and project		
Fri 2/21	The Kennedy Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Describe the Kennedy years, with specific detail covering:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The election of 1960</li> <li>○ “Camelot” and the “Kennedy Mystique”</li> <li>○ Domestic policy in the early 60s and the “New Frontier.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Mon 2/24	The Kennedy Assassination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Describe the details of and controversy surrounding the Kennedy assassination.</li> </ul>	20.2, 20.3
Tue 2/25	The Great Society and the Warren Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Describe LBJ’s “Great Society,” and provide specific details of at least three domestic programs of the Johnson era.</li> <li>● Describe the impact of the Warren Court, and provide details of at least 3 cases that they decided.</li> </ul> <p>Evaluate the impact of the Great Society era.</p>	
Wed 2/26	Origins of the Vietnam War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Why was there a war between North and South Vietnam?</li> <li>● Using the Domino Theory, explain in detail how the US came to be involved in the war in Vietnam.</li> <li>● Explain the Gulf of Tonkin Incident and its significance.</li> <li>● How did President Johnson escalate American involvement in the War.</li> </ul>	22.1
Thu 2/27	The War in Vietnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain the nature of the fighting in Vietnam.</li> <li>● Why was this war called “a living room war?” What was the significance of that?</li> <li>● Explain the significance of the draft on the war effort.</li> <li>● How did the war affect racial tensions in America?</li> <li>● Describe the New Left, and (in detail) the anti-war movement.</li> <li>● What was the Tet Offensive, and how did it change things?</li> <li>● Why was 1968 such a tumultuous year?</li> <li>● Explain why the ‘68 election was such a memorable turning point.</li> </ul>	22.2, 22.3, 22.4
Fri 2/28	60s Counterculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Describe the culture of “The Hippies,” and compare it to the “New Left.”</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the changing role of music in the 60s.</li> <li>● Discuss the conservative response to the 60s counterculture.</li> </ul>	
Mon 3/2	End of the War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What was meant by "Vietnamization?"</li> <li>● How did the US withdraw from the War?</li> <li>● Explain the impact of the My Lai massacre, the invasion of Cambodia, the violence at Kent State, and the Pentagon Papers had on American morale.</li> <li>● Explain the impact of the war on returning veterans.</li> <li>● Explain the impact of the end of the war on foreign policy.</li> </ul>	22.5
Tue 3/3	Vietnam wrap-up		
Wed 3/4	<b>1st- 3rd Hour</b> Malcolm X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What were the significant civil rights issues remaining after 1965?</li> <li>● Explain both "de facto" and "de jure" segregation, and other civil rights issues in the north</li> </ul> <p>Describe the idea of black nationalism as expressed by Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam. How does this compare with the ideas of King and the SCLC?</p>	23.3
Thu 3/5	<b>4th-6th Hour</b> Malcolm X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What were the significant civil rights issues remaining after 1965?</li> <li>● Explain both "de facto" and "de jure" segregation, and other civil rights issues in the north</li> </ul> <p>Describe the idea of black nationalism as expressed by Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam. How does this compare with the ideas of King and the SCLC?</p>	23.3
Fri 3/6	<b>No School</b>		
Mon 3/9	DBQ: Martin and Malcolm		
Tue 3/10	DBQ: Martin and Malcolm		
Wed 3/11	SNCC and the Black Power Movement  The Black Panthers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain Stokely Carmichael and the Black Power Movement. How does this compare to King and the SCLC?</li> <li>● Who were the Black Panthers, what did they do, and how do they compare to the others?</li> </ul>	21.3
Thu 3/12	The Black Panthers, cont'd		
Fri 3/13	Riots of the Late 60s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Why did violence erupt in many northern cities in the late sixties?</li> <li>● Why was 1968 such an important turning point?</li> </ul> <p>Explain what affirmative action is, and the arguments both for and against such programs?</p>	
Mon 3/16	The Kerner Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What caused the riots in the late 1960s?</li> <li>● What did the commission recommend we fix in order to prevent future riots?</li> </ul>	

Tue 3/17	The Kerner Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What caused the riots in the late 1960s?</li> <li>• What did the commission recommend we fix in order to prevent future riots?</li> </ul>	
Wed 3/18	The Nixon Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the Nixon administration address the domestic programs of the Great Society and the New Deal.</li> <li>• How did Nixon win the support of the South.</li> <li>• Describe Nixon's economic policy and assess its impact.</li> <li>• Describe Nixon's foreign policy and assess its impact. Provide specific details of Détente, his visits to communist nations, and the SALT I Treaty.</li> </ul>	24.1
Thu 3/19	Affirmative Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the nature and intent of Affirmative Action programs, and evaluate their level of success or effectiveness.</li> </ul>	
Fri 3/20	Other Movements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare and contrast Cesar Chavez with MLK.</li> <li>• What issues were Latinos trying to address?</li> <li>• How did they try to enact change? How well did that go?</li> <li>• What were Native American reformers hoping to change?</li> <li>• How did they try to change things?</li> <li>• Compare AIM to other organizations we've discussed.</li> <li>• Compare Betty Friedan with other civil rights leaders.</li> <li>• What does the term feminism mean?</li> <li>• What issues were/are feminists hoping to change?</li> </ul>	23.1, 23.2
Mon 3/23	Other Movements		
Tue 3/24	Watergate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the events of the Watergate break-in.</li> <li>• Explain how the cover-up led to President Nixon's resignation.</li> </ul>	24.2
Wed 3/25	The Ford Years/ The Carter Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the economic issues and foreign policy issues of the Ford administration.</li> <li>• Discuss the Carter administration's successes and failures in the fields of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ -Energy</li> <li>○ -Civil/Human Rights</li> <li>○ -The Economy</li> <li>○ -Foreign Policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	24.3
Thu 3/26	The Women's Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does NOW compare to other organizations we've discussed?</li> <li>• What gains have been made by the feminist movement so far?</li> <li>• What did the Supreme Court decide in Roe v. Wade, and what was the impact of that decision?</li> <li>• What was the Equal Rights Amendment? What arguments supported and opposed it? How'd it turn out? Explain the successes and failures of the feminist movement?</li> </ul>	
Fri 3/27	The Women's Movement		
Mon 3/30	Review and Essay Prep		

Tue 3/31	60s and 70s Essay		
Wed 4/1	60s and 70s Test		
Thu 4/2	Go Over 60s and 70s Test		
		<b>SPRING BREAK!</b>	