**1960S: JFK & LBJ Notes**

**Essential Question: What are the most important characteristics to be President of the United States?**

1. **The 1960 Presidential Election:**
   1. Who were the two presidential candidates in 1960?

-List three major differences between the candidates:

* 1. Why was the 1960 presidential debate unique?

-Who did this favor? Why?

-How did this event change politics?

-Positive changes?

-Negative changes?

* 1. What was the most memorable line of JFK’s inaugural speech?

-What did he mean?

-How was Kennedy’s request in contrast to political speeches today?

* 1. Why was the Kennedy administration compared to Camelot?

-Why do you think the Kennedy’s were so popular at this time?

**Essential Question**: Does competition between nations make them stronger?

1. **Kennedy’s New Frontier:**
   1. What was Kennedy’s New Frontier?

-What were his major domestic goals?

* 1. What is the Peace Corps?

-How would the Peace Corps help America “fight” the Cold War?

-Why would young people join the Peace Corps?

-How was Kennedy’s Peace Corps linked to his inaugural address?

* 1. What was the Space Race?

-What would it mean to America to win the Space Race?

-Why did Kennedy say he wanted to go to the moon?

-Who won the Space Race? How do you know?

-Do you think this kind of determination and motivation exists today? Explain

**Essential Question**: Does America have the right to intervene in the affairs of neighboring countries?

1. **Kennedy & Fights Cold War:**
   1. What did Kennedy call his new military strategy?

-What did it call for?

-Why did he want this new strategy?

-How did it differ from Eisenhower’s military strategy?

* 1. What was built in Berlin in 1961?

-Who built it?

-Why was it built?

-Why was this seen as a threat to the West?

-How did Kennedy respond to the wall?

-Do you think this was the right decision? Explain

* 1. Who seized control of Cuba in 1959?

-How was this a threat to America?

* 1. What was the Bay of Pigs invasion?

-What was the goal of the plan?

-What was the outcome?

-How did JFK handle the failure?

-Should Kennedy have gone ahead with the plan to invade Cuba? Explain

* 1. What caused the Cuban Missile Crisis?

-Who were the major people involved? What were their roles in the event?

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-How did the crisis end?

-What was the result for each country involved?

-U.S.:

-Cuba:

-Soviet Union:

-Should Kennedy have intervened in Cuba? Explain

**Essential Question**: Do presidential assassinations affect the course of a country?

1. **JFK Assassination:**
   1. Where was Kennedy when he was assassinated?

-On what date was JFK assassinated?

-Who was with JFK when he was assassinated?

* 1. Who was charged with killing JFK?

-What happened to him?

* 1. What is the Zapruder film?

-Why is it so important?

* 1. What was the Warren Commission?

-What did they conclude about the assassination?

-Do you agree with their conclusion? Explain

* 1. How did the assassination of JFK impact the country?
  2. Who succeeded Kennedy as President? What kind of president do you think he will make?

**Essential Question**: Should the government use its power and resources to solve the nation’s social problems?

1. **LBJ & The Great Society**
   1. Who became president in 1963?

-How did he become president?

-Do you think this is an effective way to transfer power? Explain.

-Who did LBJ defeat in the 1964 election?

-What was one of LBJ’s biggest criticisms about his opponent?

* 1. What did LBJ call his domestic agenda?

-What “war” became a key component of LBJ’s agenda?

-What programs were created to help win the “war”?

-What social programs did LBJ sign into law to provide aid to Americans? Who did each program help?

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* 1. What event prevented LBJ from achieving his goals? Why was that the case?
  2. Do you think LBJ was an effective president? Explain