

## **GLOSSARY AND CREDITS**

Every generation of teenagers has had their own way of expressing themselves. Today it is tats, rings in various locations, and other idiosyncrasies. The kids who grew up in the '50s and '60s had theirs as well. The 1950s saw greasy hair and the advent of rock and roll. The next decade saw teens with long hair, dingy clothes, and a drug culture.

The changes teenagers were undergoing during these two decades were a reflection of what was happening in America. An era of peace following the Korean War was undermined by heated exchanges in the Cold War. One of the most popular presidents in American history was gunned down. Following his death, the country became embroiled in another war in Asia. Even as all of this was going on, a protracted series of demonstrations took place demanding racial integration and other civil rights. As turbulent as this era was, a lot of good came out of it.

This unit covers the tenures of three presidents: Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson. Each one impacted the country in his own way. Many of the decisions made during this time are still affecting us today.

### **Chapter 1 - The 1950s**

In this chapter, you will learn about the Eisenhower years and how the Cold War between America and Russia heated up. You will see how this ideological conflict reached the stars even as Europe was caught in the middle. It is also about vast changes society experienced with regard to the youth culture and civil rights. Some of the technological changes, such as television, were going to have a direct impact on the '60s.

### **Chapter 2 - The Winds of Change**

In retrospect, the turbulence of the '60s was foretold during Kennedy's presidency. The Cold War became so heated that America and Russia very nearly went to war during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Just one year later, President Kennedy was assassinated, leaving behind a wife and two young children. At the same time, American forces were helping South Vietnam deal with Communist threats.

At home, the civil rights movement exploded on the scene during President Johnson's administration with the passage of two signature civil rights acts. The birthing of this movement saw long-needed changes under the leadership of Martin Luther King and

others. The civil rights movement also provided the drive for other movements to take shape, altering the social landscape of America forever.

## Chapter 3 - Setbacks and Advances

Chapter three introduces you to the Vietnam era. Under the direction of Lyndon Johnson, the United States stepped up its influence in Vietnam, signaling the beginning of some bloody years marked with increased demonstrations, riots, and much discord at home. His administration achieved great societal changes, which at times were overshadowed by the continuing conflict.

### VOCABULARY

advent	the introduction or beginning of something new
animosity	to feel anger or hostility toward a person or thing
atrocious	very poor or terrible conditions
avert	to avoid a dangerous or harmful situation
blacklist	to censure or discriminate against a person
cauldron	a time of relentless stress or tension
divisive	a person or situation that causes hostility within a group
embody	to provide tangible form to an abstract thing
eradicate	to wipe out or destroy something
exculpatory	a statement or evidence that would prove a person's innocence
facet	a part of something such as a person's personality or certain objects
fiasco	a total and complete disaster or failure
immolation	to commit suicide by burning oneself

impunity	the act of doing or saying something disrespectfully without shame
inculpatory	a statement that incriminates another person
innuendo	an accusation or implication over some alleged wrongdoing
manifesto	a formal document outlining a set of principles or beliefs
miscegenation	marriage between people of different races
pilgrimage	a trip taken to a special or holy place
precedent	in law, the first decision of its kind
proliferation	the act of greatly increasing something, like nuclear stockpiles
provocation	the act of deliberately making a person angry
psyche	the awareness or consciousness of the mind
psychedelic	a term related to the use of drugs that cause hallucinations
quarantine	to isolate a person or nation from the rest of the world
resolution	in political terms, a formal decision to undertake some action
revel	the act of celebrating or taking pleasure in something
staunch	a solid, strong, or loyal commitment to something
susceptible	a tendency to be easily swayed or influenced
tumultuous	agitated or pronounced show of excitement or anger
unabated	to continue a forceful action without stopping
wane	to gradually lessen in quality, power, or intensity