

The activities in this unit cover the period of America's History from 1950-74. Each activity can be used independently so you may choose those that fit your lesson plans and time schedule.

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1. Place an X through each headline that would not have appeared from the Kennedy thru Nixon administrations.

<p>U2 SHOT DOWN</p> <p>A Russian U2 spy plane has been shot down by the air force. The president is demanding an explanation from the Soviet Union.</p>	<p>PRESIDENT ORDERS BLOCKADE OF CUBA</p> <p>WORLD STANDS ON THE BRINK OF NUCLEAR WAR</p>		<p>NIXON BEATS JOHNSON</p> <p>Richard Nixon has defeated the incumbent president in a close popular vote. Electoral vote: 302 to 191.</p>
<p>COMBAT TROOPS IN VIETNAM REACH NEW HIGH</p> <p>CASUALTIES MOUNT</p> <p>PROTESTS INCREASE</p> <p>PRESIDENT REMAINS STEADFAST</p>	<p>KENNEDY ASSASSINATED IN MEMPHIS</p> <p>NATION MOURNS</p>		<p>JOHNSON BEATS GOLDWATER</p> <p>L. B. J. has defeated Barry Goldwater for the presidency.</p>
<p>"HOUSTON, THE EAGLE HAS LANDED"</p> <p>ARMSTRONG IS FIRST MAN ON THE MOON</p> <p>"ONE SMALL STEP FOR A MAN, ONE GIANT STEP FOR MANKIND"</p>	<p>WHAT'S A MIRANDA?</p> <p>A new Supreme Court decision will guarantee crime victims rights.</p>	<p>22ND AMENDMENT</p> <p>Presidential tenure is limited to three terms.</p>	<p>LANDSLIDE</p> <p>U. S. WITHDRAWS TROOPS FROM VIETNAM</p>
<p>PRESIDENT NIXON RESIGNS</p> <p>PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON HAS BECOME THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO RESIGN FROM OFFICE.</p> <p>Vice-President Ford will become the next president.</p>	<p>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ASSASSINATED</p> <p>Martin Luther King has been assassinated by a sniper in Memphis, Tennessee.</p> <p>The president asks black leaders to help stop violence.</p>	<p>CUBAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS</p> <p>Six weeks following the Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba, freedom fighters trained by the CIA in the United States have taken control of a large portion of the Cuban countryside.</p> <p>WILL RUSSIA INTERVENE?</p>	

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1. The chart below lists the political parties which existed between 1950 and 1974. Following each party's name, darken the portion of the graph representing the years the party existed. The Democratic Party is done for you as an example.

Political Party	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990
Democratic Party	1828 - Present									
Republican Party										
Prohibition Party										
Socialist Labor Party										
Socialist Party										
Communist Party										
Progressive Party										
American Independent ..										
Libertarian Party										
People's Party										

1. Which political party elected Dwight Eisenhower president?..... _____
2. Which political party elected presidents Kennedy and Johnson?..... _____
3. Which political party elected Richard Nixon President?
4. Which third party received 46 electoral votes in a presidential election?
5. Which third party ran Benjamin Spock for president?.....
6. Which party ran Stevenson and Humphrey for president in losing campaigns?...
7. Which third party ran George Wallace for president in 1968?.....
8. What are the basic beliefs of the Libertarian Party?

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The election of 1960 was one of the closest in history. Kennedy won 49.7% of the popular vote and Nixon won 49.6%. Many feel that the difference was the Kennedy family influence and money and Nixon's poor appearance on September 26, 1960 in a nationally televised debate. Nixon was haggard and drawn as a result of his whistle stop campaign across the nation and a knee injury he had suffered. In contrast, Kennedy looked fit and tan following a rest in Florida.



Candidate	Party	Popular Vote	Electoral Vote
John F. Kennedy	Democratic	34,227,096	303
Richard Nixon	Republican	34,107,646	219
Harry F. Byrd	Independent	116,248	15
Orval Faubus	National States' Rights	214,195	0

- 1) Senator Harry Byrd won the state of Mississippi and six electoral votes from Alabama. Darken Mississippi and half of Alabama. He also received 1 electoral vote from Oklahoma.
- 2) Richard Nixon won the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Lightly shade those states.
- 3) John F. Kennedy won the remainder of the states. Leave those states white including half of Alabama.

How did the 1960 presidential race change forever the method of campaigning?



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