**13. America in the Sixties and Early Seventies**

(lecture worksheet)

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| **Important dates:** | **1960 (J. F. Kennedy elected President), 1961 (Bay of Pigs Invasion), October 1962 (Cuban Missile Crisis), November 22, 1963 (Kennedy’s assassination), 1964 (Gulf of Tonkin Resolution), 1972 (Watergate Affair started), 1973 (Paris Peace Accords), 1974 (Nixon’s resignation)** |
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| **Names & Places:** | **J. F. Kennedy, Fidel Castro, N. Khrushchev, L. Johnson, Ho Chi Minh, Ngo Ding Diem, D. Eisenhower, R. Nixon, Henry Kissinger**  **The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), The Limited Test Ban Treaty, The Peace Corps, The Civil Rights Bill, 'Great Society', The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, The Democratic National Committee, The Watergate Affair, The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**  **Cuba, the Bay of Pigs, Dallas (Texas), France, Vietnam (adj. Vietnamese), the Bay of Tonkin, Cambodia, the Vietnamese Republic, My Lai,** |
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| **Vocabulary:** | **to counter the perceived threat of the Soviet bloc, an arms build-up, to launch the world's first artificial satellite, to possess a hydrogen bomb, the rock-n-roll revolution, the hippies movement, the 'counterculture', charismatic (adj.), to promise a "new frontier", Cuban anti-Communist exiles, a failure of American intelligence, to risk a military confrontation, to install offensive nuclear missiles, to order a quarantine, to prohibit nuclear tests in the atmosphere, to help "underdeveloped" nations, to be assassinated, to ride in a motorcade, the 'domino theory', guerrillas, a pretext for sthg., a destroyer, to take "all the necessary measures" to repel armed attacks, a policy of escalation, to maintain a public support, to negotiate a cease fire, to tap a telephone, a break-in** |

**Exam Questions:**

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| 1. | Describe the presidency of J. F. Kennedy and explain how his administration tackled major challenges of the period both domestically and internationally. (Kennedy’s style, role of government, the Cold War, the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Missile Crisis, assassination.) |
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| 2. | Outline the origins, explain phases of escalation and assess the legacy of the American involvement in the Vietnam War. (Include references to the American advisers in the 1950s, Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, protests at home, Paris Peace Accords.) |
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| 3. | Describe the achievements and failures of Nixon’s administration paying particular attention to the Watergate Affair. (Include references to the withdrawal from Vietnam, the economy, 1973 oil crisis.) |