

2010 Indiana Academic Super Bowl
Junior Division Social Studies
An American Generation: 1964 - 1980
Final Study Guide

- I. Politics – 35%
 - A. Presidential Elections
 - 1. 1964
 - 2. 1968
 - 3. 1972
 - B. Counter Culture
 - 1. Vietnam & Anti-war protests
 - 2. Kent State
 - 3. Incidents in Mississippi
 - 4. Woodstock
 - 5. Peacekeepers

- II. Social Issues – 40%
 - A. War on poverty
 - B. Civil Rights
 - 1. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
 - 2. Warren Court
 - 3. School Desegregation
 - C. Women’s Rights

- III. Vietnam War – 25%
 - A. Tonkin Gulf Resolution
 - B. Strategy
 - C. Tet Offensive
 - D. Fall of Saigon



The political and social climate of the time period was extremely volatile. This outline focuses on the Roman numerals but an attempt is being made to view the entire scope of the era. Information can be found in multiple places. Sources suggested are a springboard for you: high school and college texts, encyclopedias, reliable Internet sites (not Wikipedia), Timetables of American History, Oxford Companion to U.S. History

NOTE: This outline was developed by coaches who chose to attend two meetings in March and November 2008.

We have chosen the dates 1964-1980 for several reasons. Many historians place the end of the “Fifties” at November 22, 1963. The social movements, music, and general culture of the years following the assassination of President Kennedy tend to constitute our concept of the 1960’s. The 1970’s, then, come to an end with the election of President Reagan.