

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

I. Constitutional Tests – 40%

- a. Watergate
- b. Voting Rights
 - 1. 26th Amendment
 - 2. 1965 Voting Rights Act
- c. First Amendment Issues
 - 1. Anti-War Protests
 - 2. Emerging Role of Media
- d. Women's Rights
 - 1. ERA (Equal Rights Amendment)
 - 2. Roe vs Wade



II. International Events (Causes) – 30%

- a. Vietnam
 - 1. Tonkin Gulf Resolution
 - 2. Tet Offense (Turning Point in American Morale)
 - 3. Johnson's Policies
 - 4. Nixon's Policies
- b. Cold War / Communist Threat
 - 1. Détente
 - 2. Nixon - China
- c. Middle East
 - 1. Israel
 - 2. Iran

III. Domestic Response (Effects) – 30%

- a. Political Unrest
 - 1. Collapse of post-WWII liberal consensus
 - 2. Formation of conservative consensus
 - 3. Assassinations and attempted assassinations (1965 – 1976)
- b. Presidential Elections, Presidential Primaries, & Indiana General Elections
 - 1. 1968
 - 2. 1974
 - 3. 1976
 - 3. 1980
- c. Environmental Movement
 - 1. O.P.E.C. and the Oil Crisis
 - 2. Environmental Protection Agency
 - 3. Three Mile Island
 - 4. Love Canal (New York)

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.

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

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