**Unit 11 Vocab Definitions**

1. **John F. Kennedy-** 35th President of the U.S who supported Civil Rights and space exploration. He was assassinated in 1963.
2. **Kennedy/Nixon Debate**- First televised presidential campaign in 1960.
3. **Civil Rights Movement**- Period in history when many people and organizations used non-violent protests to bring attention and change to social injustices suffered by minorities.
4. **Bay of Pigs Invasion**- Failed attempt by Cuban exiles that were trained by the U.S. to overthrow Fidel Castro’s communist government in Cuba in 1961.
5. **Cuban Missile Crisis**- Soviet placement of nuclear missiles that led to high political tension between the U.S. and Soviet Union in 1962.
6. **First Moon Landing**- Event that occurred on July 20, 1969 through the Apollo 11 mission. The U.S. passed the Soviets in the space race.
7. **Martin Luther King Jr**.- Civil rights leader who used non-violent resistance and civil disobedience to end racial inequality. He was assassinated in 1968.
8. **MLK’s Letter from Birmingham Jail**- MLK’s document that explained why victims of segregation, violent attacks, and murder found it difficult to wait for those injustices to end.
9. **SCLC, SNCC, and CORE**- Civil Rights organizations that utilized various tactics to combat racial discrimination.
10. **MLK’s I Have A Dream Speech**- MLK’s famous speech given in 1963 at the March on Washington calling for an ideal in which racism and bigotry would end.
11. **Vietnam War**- Conflict from 1957-1975 involving the U.S. to stop the spread communism beyond the 17th parallel in Southeast Asia.
12. **Assassination of JFK**- This tragic event in Dallas, TX in 1963 led to President Johnson passing significant civil rights and anti-poverty legislation.
13. **Lyndon B. Johnson**- 36th President of the U.S. who took over after JFK was assassinated. He started the Great Society and passed Civil Rights legislation.
14. **Gulf of Tonkin Resolution**- Resulting from an incident off the coast of North Vietnam in 1964, President Johnson increased U.S. military intervention in the Vietnam War.
15. **LBJ’s Great Society**- Series of programs passed during the Johnson presidency to help fight the war on poverty.
16. **Civil Rights Act of 1964**- Law that ended discrimination and segregation in all public places.
17. **Voting Rights Act of 1965**- Law that ended literacy tests and banned all discriminatory voting practices.
18. **Civil Rights Act of 1968**- Law that ended discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing (also known as the Fair Housing Act).
19. **Assassination of MLK**- This tragic event in Memphis, TN in 1968 led to race riots and turmoil throughout the nation.
20. **President Election of 1968**- Richard Nixon wins this election due to discord in the Democratic Party.
21. **Assassination of RFK**- Leading Democratic Presidential candidate was shot and killed by Sirhan Sirhan following the California Primary election.
22. **Tet Offensive**- Surprise attack on several South Vietnamese cities on Vietnam New Year which led to increasing public disapproval of the Vietnam War in the U.S.
23. **Cesar Chavez**- Labor organizer for migrant Latino and Hispanic workers who helped to form the National Farm Workers Association.