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**Chapter 38: The Stormy Sixties**

1. What “revolutions” did the 1960’s bring?

**Kennedy’s “New Frontier: Spirit**

1. Describe the positions of Robert Kennedy and Robert S. McNamara as the Kennedy’s inner circle of “the best and the brightest.”
2. What did Kennedy’s program of a “New Frontier” consist of?

**The New Frontier at Home**

1. What were the domestic challenges to Kennedy’s “New Frontier” program? What were its successes?

**Rumblings in Europe**

1. What was the significance of the Berlin Wall?
2. What was the significance of the Common Market created by the Marshall Plan?
3. What did the Trade Expansion Act in 1962 do?
4. Why did France’s de Gaulle pose an opposition to the “Atlantic Community” and American influence?

**Foreign Flare-Ups and “Flexible Response”**

1. What was Kennedy’s foreign policy towards Laos?
2. What was Kennedy’s police of “flexible response” and what forces did he pump money into?

**Stepping into the Vietnam Quagmire**

1. What was the ‘lethal logic’ of “flexible response”?
2. Why did Kennedy order a sharp increase in the number of “military advisers” in South Vietnam?
3. Why did American forces enter Vietnam, and why did Kennedy encourage a successful coup against Diem, a regime they had supported?
4. What were the contradictory results of this decision? How many Americans died?
5. What was “Modernization theory” and how did it serve as the underpinning for U.S. foreign policy in the “underdeveloped” world?

**Cuban Confrontations**

1. What was the Alliance for Progress and what was it primary goal? Assess its effectiveness.
2. Describe the Bay of Pigs Invasion and its effects on pushing Cuba onto the Soviet side.
3. What was the implication of the discovery of nuclear missiles installed in Cuba? Why had they been planted there by the Soviets?
4. What was Kennedy’s strategy in dealing with this crisis?
5. How was the crisis resolved?
6. Why did Kennedy push for a nuclear test-ban treaty and a Moscow-Washington “hot line”?
7. How did Kennedy lay the groundwork for the policy of “détente”?

**The Struggle for Civil Rights**

1. Why did Civil Rights leaders feel Kennedy was too slow on civil rights? What was he waiting for?
2. Who were the Freedom Riders, how were they treated and how did the government respond?
3. What were the Kennedy administration concerns about Martin Luther King, Jr. and what did they finally decide to support?
4. Describe the desegregation efforts at “Ole Miss” with student James Meredith.
5. In what ways were the desegregation efforts in Birmingham, Alabama the worst?
6. With what new legislation did Kennedy brand the civil rights confrontations a “moral issue”?
7. Describe the March on Washington led by MLK.

**The Killing of Kennedy**

1. Describe the killing of Kennedy.
2. What is Kennedy’s legacy and what myth did his presidency lay to rest?

**The LBJ Brand on the Presidency**

1. What was the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the EEOC?
2. What did Johnson’s “Great Society” domestic program consist of?

**Johnson Battles Goldwater in 1964**

1. What was the Gulf of Tonkin episode?
2. What was the significance of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution?

**The Great Society Congress**

1. Describe Congresses appropriation to fight the War on Poverty and fund LBJ’s Great Society program:
* War on Poverty
* Education
* Medical care for the elderly and indigent
* Immigration reform
* a new voting rights bill

**Take your own notes on the following sections:**

**Battling for Black Rights**

**Black Power**

**Combatting Communism in Two Hemispheres**

**Vietnam Vexations**

**Vietnam Topples Johnson**

**The Presidential Sweepstakes of 1968**

**The Obituary of Lyndon Johnson**

**The Cultural Upheaval of the 1960s**