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*Use the vocabulary words and definitions below as a reference for this unit.*

**affluent** ..... financially well-off

**baby boom** ..... a period shortly after World War II from 1946 to 1964 when the birth rate rose sharply

**casualties** ..... soldiers who are killed, wounded, or missing in action

**Civil Rights Act of 1964** ..... outlawed racial discrimination where federal funds are used; opened public places and facilities to African Americans

**Great Society** ..... the social and economic programs of President Lyndon B. Johnson

**Gulf of Tonkin Resolution** ..... act of Congress that gave President Johnson the power to wage an undeclared war against North Vietnam

**hippies** ..... young people in 1960s who rebelled against their parents' way of life

**inflation** ..... prices and the cost of living rise

**legislation** ..... laws passed by Congress

**Medicare** ..... provides hospital insurance and low-cost medical insurance to Americans 65 and over, established in 1965

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**national debt** ..... total amount of money the federal government borrows and has to pay back to its citizens or other nations who have invested in the United States

**New Left** ..... groups who wanted to change American politics to improve conditions throughout the world

**pigs** ..... antiwar groups' name for policemen

**poll tax** ..... a tax people had to pay in order to vote

**Tet Offensive** ..... a powerful attack launched by the Vietcong and North Vietnamese in January of 1968 against the South Vietnamese

**Voting Rights Act of 1965** ..... provided federal protection for voters at voter registration sites

**War on Poverty** ..... name for President Lyndon Johnson's program of aid to the poor

**Warren Commission** ..... group headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy

**white backlash** ..... turnaround in many whites' opinion

**Wilderness Act of 1964** ..... set aside nine million acres of national land as national forests

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## Who's Who in the Stormy Sixties

Barry M. Goldwater

Eugene J. McCarthy

Hubert H. Humphrey

Lee Harvey Oswald

Lyndon B. Johnson

Jack Ruby

Robert F. Kennedy

Earl Warren

Martin Luther King, Jr.