Name: Hour:

**1960’s America Questions**

**Section 1- John F. Kennedy as President**

Cuban Missile Crisis-

Bay of Pigs-

Lee Harvey Oswald-

1. Why did Kennedy win the 1960 presidential election?
2. What were Kennedy’s greatest accomplishments? What were his most significant shortcomings?
3. Which do you think was more successful: Kennedy’s foreign policy or his domestic policies? Why?

**Section 2- Cuban Missile Crisis**

1. Why did Khrushchev decide to provide Cuba with nuclear missiles?
2. Were there winners and losers in the Cuban Missile Crisis? If so, who were they?
3. What were the positive and negative consequences of the missile crisis?

**Section 3- Lyndon B. Johnson as President**

Great Society-

Medicare and Medicaid-

Gulf of Tonkin Resolution-

1. Do you agree with Johnson’s decision to not run for re-election in 1968? Why or why not?
2. Which had a greater impact on poverty in America, the Great Society or the New Deal? Why?
3. What were Johnson’s greatest achievements? What were his biggest mistakes?
4. Who accomplished more for civil rights, Johnson or Kennedy?

**Section 4- The Vietnam War**

Ho Chi Minh-

Viet Cong-

Domino Theory-

Tet Offensive-

War Powers Act-

“Vietnam Syndrome”-

1. Why did the United States become involved in Vietnam?
2. What were the assumptions underlying the US involvement in Southeast Asia? Were they correct?
3. Was the war in Vietnam a civil war or a global Cold War confrontation?

**Section 5- The Antiwar Movement and the Election of 1968**

Free Speech Movement-

New Left-

The Pentagon Papers-

1968 Democratic National Convention-

Southern Strategy-

1. Why did US public opinion turn against the Vietnam war?
2. Do you think the news media turned more people against the Vietnam war or against the antiwar activists?
3. What were the long-term consequences of antiwar activism?
4. Why do you think Richard Nixon’s campaign appealed to voters? To what do you attribute Nixon’s victory in the 1968 election?
5. What were the long-term consequences of the 1968 election?

**Section 6- Feminism**

Title VII-

Second-Wave Feminism-

NOW-

Betty Friedan-

Equal Rights Amendment-

1. Do you think that second-wave feminism was a separate movement from the Civil Rights Movement, or just a different facet of it? Why?
2. Compare and contrast first-wave feminism (epitomized by figures like Susan B. Anthony) with second-wave feminism (epitomized by figures like Betty Friedan). What were the goals of each movement? To what extent, if at all, did either movement champion the rights of poor women or minority women?
3. Why do you think the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) has never been ratified?
4. Do you think the second-wave feminist movement achieved its goals? Why or why not?