Kennedy, Vietnam & 1970-Present Unit Plan

**Essential Questions** :

1. What is the proper role of government in shaping American Society?
2. What was the impact of the counterculture on American society?
3. Why did the US increase its military involvement in Vietnam?
4. What events influenced Richard Nixon’s rise to and fall from power?
5. Was the Reagan Revolution good for the nation?

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| **Knowledge Targets**  “What do I need to know?” | I can identify:  John F Kennedy  Camelot  1960s presidential election  New Frontier  James Wilkes Booth  Jack Ruby  Single Bullet Theory  Lyndon B Johnson  Great Society  Vietminh  Vietcong  Ho Chi Minh  Ngo Diem  Dien Bien Phu  France | Gulf of Tonkin incident  Gulf of Tonkin Resolution  Geneva Accords  Search and Destroy  Agent Orange  Napalm  South Vietnamese supporting the war  Anti-War protestors  African Americans in the war  Military personnel in favor of the war  Military personnel against the war  Politicians in favor of the war  Politicians against the war | Hawks vs Doves  My Lai Massacre  Tet Offensive  Richard Nixon  Vietnamization  Ho Chi Minh Trail  Costs & Results of the Vietnam War  Watergate scandal - details from chart  Ronald Reagan - hero or villain?  9/11 and its aftermath |

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| **Reasoning Targets**  “What can I do with what I know?” | 1. I can discuss and debate 1960s mainstream vs counterculture perspectives on American culture 2. I can interpret and explain political cartoons representing the Watergate scandal 3. I can create a project that portrays Ronald Reagan as a hero or villain 4. I can identify the key events on 9/11 and discuss ideas on how to balance security while preserving American ideals |

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| **Skill Targets**  “What can I demonstrate?” | 1. I can map important locations and areas associated with the Vietnam War 2. I can participate in a conference debating the decision to send troops to Vietnam and represent a specific point of view 3. I can read a series of quotes and identify the Hawk or Dove perspective |