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 KennedyCamelot1960s presidential electionNew FrontierJames Wilkes BoothJack RubySingle Bullet TheoryLyndon B JohnsonGreat SocietyVietminhVietcongHo Chi MinhNgo DiemDien Bien PhuFrance | Gulf of Tonkin incidentGulf of Tonkin ResolutionGeneva AccordsSearch and DestroyAgent OrangeNapalmSouth Vietnamese supporting the warAnti-War protestorsAfrican Americans in the warMilitary personnel in favor of the warMilitary personnel against the warPoliticians in favor of the warPoliticians against the war | Hawks vs DovesMy Lai MassacreTet OffensiveRichard NixonVietnamizationHo Chi Minh TrailCosts & Results of the Vietnam WarWatergate scandal - details from chartRonald 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
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