



Ch. 28, Lesson 2:

Kennedy & Johnson

US History

Essential Question:

How were Kennedy and Johnson alike and different as presidents of the United States?

Nixon v Kennedy

→ Nixon → Republican, carry out like Eisenhower
Kennedy → Democrat, "new programs to get the country moving again"
• war hero - WWII Pacific
• televised debate → Kennedy won (Nixon looked sickly)

* famous quote *

Jan. 20, 1961 → Inauguration of Pres
* "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." *

New Frontier (JFK)

→ federal aid for education / poor
• supported civil rights but didn't want to ~~anger~~ anger Southern Democrats

Assassination

Nov 22, 1963; Dallas, Texas

- Lee Harvey Oswald (Soviet sympathizer)
VP Lyndon Johnson becomes president

Summary:

Kennedy was a young, fairly inexperienced POTUS. He had similar goals to LBJ, but didn't carry them out. With 22 years experience, LBJ was able to bring the "New Frontier" into the "Great Society" by helping poor, elderly, and African Americans.

CORNELL NOTES



Topic/Objective:

Name:

Class/Period:

Date:

Essential Question:

"Great Society" (LBJ)

→ reduce poverty, promote equality, improve education, rebuild decaying cities

LBJ - served 22 years in Congress, used his skills to get programs done

1964 - "War on Poverty"

poverty line

→ poverty line → minimum income needed to live

Medicare (1965) - health insurance for elderly

Medicaid (1965) - health insurance for low-income families

HUD 1964

→ Department of Housing & Urban Development - fund public housing

Civil Rights Act of 1964

→ banned discrimination against African Americans in employment, voting, & public places.

- also, gender, religion, & national origin

Summary: