Read: Now read the chapter start to finish without stopping or writing. Just read it! As you read you should mentally be:
  • Questioning ideas
  • Clarifying concepts
  • Summarizing information
  • Predicting next steps

Post Reading: Answer the following questions

Days of Rage, 1968-1972
After you read the next few pages, come back and explain why 1968 might have been the worst year in American History:

Explain why there wasn’t “Light at the end of the tunnel” in Vietnam:

Why was the Tet offensive a military failure but a psychological win for the Vietcong:

How did this affect LBJ politically?

How did 1968 affect the Liberal movement in America?

What was the goal of the “Yippies” at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago?

What was the “Siege of Chicago” and how did affect the Democratic Party?
Why might a Democratic supporter of FDR in 1940 have voted for Richard Nixon in 1968?

What role did George Wallace play in this election?

What was the “Southern Strategy”?

Who was the “unheard” that Nixon courted?

How did the Vietnam war affect minorities? Give examples:

What two main prongs of the Women’s Liberation movement joined forces in the late 1960s?

How was this different than just a few years earlier?

How was this exemplified in the nation’s education system?

What did the Stonewall Inn riot show about the Gay Rights movement?

Richard Nixon and the Politics of the Silent Majority:
Why is Nixon considered a “National Politician”?

Who was the “Silent Majority”? How did Nixon identify with them?

What was Vietnamization? How would it help achieve “Peace with Honor”?
Why did Nixon’s expansion of the war into Cambodia ignite furor with the Anti-war movement?

What happened at Kent State?

What was the impact of the My Lai massacre? How did it hurt the US effort?

Explain the policy of Détente:

How did he use this with China?

How did he use this with the Soviets?

Explain how the US finally exited the War:

What happened in Vietnam by 1975?

Explain several of the impacts of the war:

Political:

Casualties:

Cost:

Internal US:

What was the legacy of the “Warren Court”?

Miranda v Arizona (1966):

Miller v. California and Roth v United States:

Explain how busing helped end segregation:

Why did many Democrats change alliances in 1972?

Why was Nixon able to win in a landslide in 1972? How did show a dramatic shift to the Right in America?