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The Century: America's Time - 1960-1964: Poisoned Dreams

Directions: Watch the video concerning America in the 1960s and answer the questions provided below.

1. What was one of the first events that set the stage for the Civil Rights Movement against segregation in the 1960s?
2. How did young people show their support for change within the U.S. during the 1960s? Give at least two examples of youth change agents during this decade.
3. What made Presidential Candidate John F. Kennedy the preferred choice candidate for Americans? What avenues helped Kennedy solidify the popular vote?
4. What happened on April 12th 1961? Describe the sentiment of the American people after this date? What was President Kennedy's counter challenge to the events of this date?
5. Describe America's reaction to nuclear threat on the home front.
6. What was discovered by American military personnel on Oct 14th 1962?
7. How long did the Cuban Missile Crisis last? How did the American public react? What was the final decision (agreement) made following the crisis?
8. Who were the Freedom Riders? What cause were they attempting to uphold?

9. What was the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)? How were they instrumental in Civil Rights activism?

10. Describe the scenes of jail cells during the 1960s? How was music an instrument also used?

11. What would force Alabama governor George Wallace to lash out this infamous quote: "Segregation now... segregation tomorrow... segregation forever!" Did his threat work?

12. Who was Bull Conner?

13. Who were the Green Beret? Why was this particular legion created? Where was their first mission?

14. Describe the "Domino Theory"? Who were the "Vietcong"

15. How did Southern Vietnamese citizens react to the strong hold leader Ngo Dinh Diem was trying to maintain over his people?