

# Lyndon B. Johnson Internet Activity

**President Johnson** (btw—Links to all of the website below are on my website: mouse over U.S. History to view the drop down menu—It is the last item on the drop down menus: “LBJ—Great Society Activity”)

Go to the LBJ Presidential Library online and view his biography to answer the following questions.

<http://www.lbjlibrary.org/lyndon-baines-johnson/lbj-biography/>

1. Read about early life (1<sup>st</sup> paragraph). How did his life in Texas at this time impact his views on poverty and discrimination?
2. What was LBJ's occupation in Cotulla, Texas?
3. LBJ was a master of party politics and had an uncanny ability to persuade senators to support his bills. (They called it the “Johnson Treatment.”) Today he is known for being one of the most powerful \_\_\_\_\_ (of the Senate) in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
4. What two bills did LBJ orchestrate to pass in 1964 (both had been endorsed by Kennedy before his death)?
5. Describe the Civil Rights Act of 1964. (btw—It was the most sweeping civil rights bill ever!)

## LBJ's Great Society

Go to: <http://www.pbs.org/johngardner/chapters/4c.html>

In 1964, Johnson gave a speech where he outlined his legislative program to end poverty and racial injustice. His vision was for a “Great Society” where the government would create a higher standard of living, equal opportunity, and a richer quality of life. (Similar to FDR)

6. Skip to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph. Explain the Economic Opportunity Act.
7. How did LBJ's legislation help senior citizens? (be specific—what 2 programs did he create for them?)
8. Describe the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
9. What did the “Great Society” do for urban renewal and conservation?

Go to my website and view the chart on the Great Society Programs of 1964-1967. Explain the following based on the chart.

10. Corporation for Public Broadcasting-

11. 24<sup>th</sup> Amendment-
12. Voting Rights Act-
13. Truth in Packaging Act-
14. National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act-
15. Explain the Great Society Programs that were created to help the environment.
16. Which of the Great Society Programs listed on the chart do you think is the most important? Why?
17. How did the Great Society expand the power of government?
18. Some critics of the Great Society say that it created a big government with an oversized bureaucracy, waste and fraud and rising budget deficits today. They feel that it created a culture of people being dependent on the government. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

### **Warren Court Decisions**

View the chart on my website titled "Warren Court Decisions."

19. Chief Justice Earl Warren led the Supreme Court in making many liberal decisions during this time period. What important decisions were made in education?
20. What do you think will be the repercussions (backlash) for the Brown v. Board of Education decision?
21. How did the Warren Court alter the rights of those accused of a crime?

### **Schoology Discussion Post**

22. Go to Schoology and post an answer to the discussion question. (In 2-4 sentences, discuss at least 2 key elements LBJ's Great Society. How do you feel about these elements? Do you agree or disagree? Why?)