

**Web sites for primary documents:**

- Digital History: <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>
- History Matters: <http://historymatters.gmu.edu/>
- Primary Sources – Avalon Project: <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/>
- Documents for the Study of US History: <http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/>
- Library of Congress - <http://www.loc.gov/>
- National Archives - <http://www.archives.gov/historical-docs/>
- Smithsonian Institute - <http://www.si.edu/>

**TOPICS FOR PROJECT**

**Essential question:** How are the legacies of the events in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? (How did the events influence the US in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?)

<p><i>Urban unrest / “riots” 1960s:</i>          1964 Philadelphia “riots” on Columbia (Cecil B. Moore) Avenue          1965 – Watts, California          Summer 1967 – “riots” in Detroit, MI and Newark, NJ          1992 – Los Angeles riots following acquittal of police in Rodney King case</p> <p><i>U.S. War in Vietnam</i>          1964 Gulf of Tonkin Resolution          1968 – Tet Offensive (Vietnam)          1968 – Mai Lai Massacre          1971 – Pentagon Papers          1973 – Peace Treaty          1975 – U.S. withdrawal</p> <p><i>Immigration 1960s – 1990s</i>          1965 Immigration Act          1975 – 1980 Refugees from Southeast Asia          1980 – Refugee Act          1986 – Immigration Reform and Control Act          1990 – Immigration Act of 1990</p> <p><i>Counter Cultures</i>          1963 – The Feminine Mystique (Betty Friedan)          1964 – Beatles on Ed Sullivan Show          1966 – National Organization of Women (NOW) formed          Summer 1967 - Summer of Love in San Francisco Haight-Ashbury District          1969 – Woodstock Music Festival          1969 – Stonewall Riots</p> <p><i>Supreme Court</i>          1964 – Civil Rights Act          1965 – Voting Rights Act          1967 – Thurgood Marshall sworn in as first African American Supreme Court justice</p>	<p><i>Prisons</i>          1971 – Attica Prison uprising          1974 – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act          1977 – US ends 10 year moratorium on capital punishment (execution in Utah)          1990s – increase in prison population</p> <p><i>“Cold War”</i>          1979 – US formally recognizes the People’s Republic of China          1979- Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan; US funds and trains Mujahedeen          1980 and 1984 – Olympic boycotts          1982 – Nuclear Freeze demonstrations (largest US demonstration in NYC)          1989 – Berlin Wall destroyed; 1990 – Germany reunited          1991 – Soviet Union dissolved – Commonwealth of Independent States</p> <p><i>Technology</i>          1972 – Pong video game          1981 – IBM releases first personal computer (PC);          1983 – Apple computer          1982 – CNN, first cable news network, is launched          1989 – digital cameras          1991 – digital cell phones</p> <p><i>Health</i>          1981 – Doctors diagnose first case of AIDS          1985 – “Crack epidemic”          1990s – Meth          1990s – attempt to pass health care laws under President Clinton</p>
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<p>1972 – Roe v. Wade; 1989 – Webster v. Reproductive Health Care  1978 – California v. Bakke  1981 – Sandra Day O’Connor sworn in as first female Supreme Court justice  2000 – Election of George W. Bush / Supreme Court 5 – 4 decision</p> <p><i>Central America / Caribbean</i>  1979 – Nicaraguans overthrow US backed dictator, Somoza (1982 – Boland Amendment; 1984 – US Congress end covert funding of counterrevolutionaries / “Contras”)  1983 – US invades Grenada and overthrew government (Caribbean island)  1986 – 1987 – Iran Contra  1980s – US funding of right wing governments in El Salvador , Guatemala, Honduras; establishment of US military bases in Honduras  1989 - US invaded Panama and overthrew government</p> <p><i>Student Activism</i>  Students for a Democratic Society  Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee  1970 – University student murders – Kent State, Ohio and Jackson State, MS  1980s – Anti-apartheid movement (South Africa); support for Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador popular movements</p>	<p><i>Economy</i>  1981=1982 – Recession  1980s – Federal Deficit  1980s – crisis for farmers; deindustrialization ; homelessness  1987 – Stock Market Crash (worst in history)  1994 – NAFTA (North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement)</p> <p><i>Government</i>  1974 – Richard Nixon’s resignation  1979-1981 – Iran Hostage Crisis  1998 – 1999 – Bill Clinton impeachment  2000 – Election of George W. Bush / Supreme Court 5 – 4 decision</p> <p><i>Environment</i>  1962 – publication of Silent Spring (Rachel Carton)  1963 – Clean Air Act  1965 – Water Quality Act; Motor Vehicle Air Pollution Control Act  1970 – First Earth Day; Environmental Protection Agency  1979 – Three Mile Island (Nuclear Power plant)  1988 – Congress warned about global warming and loss of ozone layer</p>
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