**1960s – Today**

**Civil Rights Era**

* Fighting to end segregation (separation of people by race / color)
* Bus Boycott (refusal to do something)
  + Rosa Parks – refused to give up her seat to a white man, unknowingly began a movement
  + Freedom Riders
* Popular Protest Strategies: Marches & Sit-ins

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| MLK JR | Malcolm X |
| Fighting for equal right & integration | |
| * Peaceful Protest | * Advocates violence |
| * Motivational Speaker / Preacher | * Speeches were very aggressive |

* *Brown vs. Board of Education* – made segregation in schools illegal; overturned “separate, but equal” from the *Plessy vs. Ferguson*
  + Little Rock Nine – First African-American students to attend an all-white school

Presidents:

* Eisenhower used Federal Troops to escort the 9 students to school
* LBJ: Civil Rights Act (stopped on the voting loopholes)

**Vietnam:**

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| Vietcong | South Vietnam / U.S.A |
| * Hit & Run; Booby Traps; Tunnels; Snakes | * Search & Destroy; Rolling Thunder |
| * DRV; North Vietnam | * RVN |
| * Ho Chi Ming - Viet Ming | * Bao Di (French Appointment) Diem (later assassinated) |

* Vietnam was previously ruled by France
* During WWII, Japan took it over.
* When Japan lost WWII & surrendered, France took it back.
* Ho Chi Ming started a communist rebellion.
* Vietnam became split at the 17th Parallel between Ming & Bao Di
* After elections, Diem replaced Bao Di
* America enters the war

Presidents:

* JFK – built up troops in South Vietnam; assassinated
* LBJ – sent even more troops; “The Living Room War”; “Hey, Hey LBJ, How many kids did you kill today?”; Kent State; Does not run for reelection
* Nixon – Dente; Opens China; Vietnamization; Silent Majority; Credibility Gap; Watergate; 1st President to Resign
* Ford – Pardoned Nixon; Officially ended the Vietnam War
* America leaves Vietnam January of 1975, and in April of 1975, North Vietnam captures Saigon and South Vietnam surrenders
* U.S. was involved to stop the spread of Communism (Domino Theory); LBJ claimed that U.S. needed to show Third World countries that we can help
* Effects: PTSD, loss of American support in war effort, New Left

Modern 20th Century:

* 9/11: a terrorist attack that destroyed the American World Trade Centers
  + Terrorist were part of Al-Qaeda, leader Osama Bin Laden
  + Effects: TSA, America united more than ever, deadliest day in history for Firefighters, radiation / cancer
  + Osama Bin Laden – was shot; body was thrown in the ocean so there would be no shrine

Presidents:

* + George W. Bush – President during 9/11; Operation Enduring Freedom; stopped the Taliban in Afghanistan
  + Barack Obama – President during assassination of Bin Laden; War on Terrorism; Globalization
* ISIS: To establish a new state ruled by strict religious (Islam) law

Misc. Notes:

* Due to the Red Scare (fear of the spread of Communism in the U.S.) the Government increases surveillance on civilians
* These conflicts made the Executive Branch the most powerful