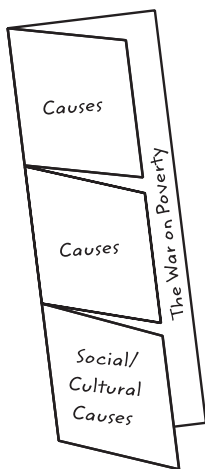


Johnson and the Great Society

TOPIC SUMMARY

American idealism and a prosperous society inspired support for President Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society programs. Johnson wanted to reduce poverty among certain groups in the nation. Federal funds were targeted at programs for poor people in the inner cities and in rural areas, such as Appalachia. In Johnson’s vision, education was a key to more citizens achieving a higher quality of life—the American dream. While the short-lived program fell short of its goals, it introduced models for a number of programs that still exist in American society, such as in-home services for the elderly, day care, and job training.

Analyzing Causes for the Great Society

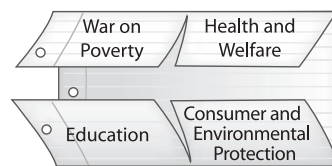


Three-Tab Book

Students should consider the causes that contributed to the creation of, and support for, the Great Society programs of the 1960s. They should reflect these causes by type in a Three-Tab Foldable under economic causes, political causes, and social/cultural causes. Students should be as specific as possible in their language.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper, scissors.

Categorizing Information

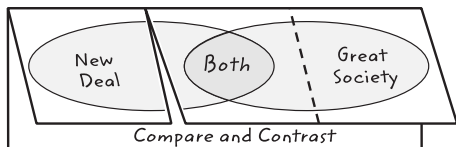


Four-Door Book

Multiple initiatives made up President Johnson’s Great Society agenda. Students can create a handy study guide for this complex government program by creating this Foldable. Have them make a Four-Door Book with major headings on the front of the “doors.” Specific programs can be listed inside for four major categories: Health and Welfare, the War on Poverty, Education, Consumer and Environmental Protection.

Materials Needed: one 11" by 17" sheet of paper.

Compare and Contrast



Three-Tab Book With Venn Diagram

Student can sharpen their understanding of the Great Society, as well as of the New Deal, by creating this Foldable. Have them create a Three-Tab Book that will serve as a comparison of goals and programs of the New Deal and Great Society. Shared characteristics and programs will be listed under the center tab of the Three-Tab Book.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper, scissors.