

## CHAPTER

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## VOCABULARY AND GUIDED READING ACTIVITY

## Section 1: New Frontier and Great Society

The Kennedy and  
Johnson YearsUnderstanding  
Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks with vocabulary words from the section.

- mandate
- coalition
- pragmatist

1. Clear endorsement of ideas from others:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Person interested in finding practical solutions to problems:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Temporary alliance with a common purpose:

\_\_\_\_\_

## UNDERSTANDING CONCEPTS

① As you read Section 1, fill in the blanks in the following section outline.

## I. The Kennedy Years

A. Kennedy's New Frontier was a \_\_\_\_\_ vision of the challenges that faced the nation.

B. Kennedy pushed the United States forward in the space race against the Soviet Union when accomplishments in space became a way of proving leadership in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Among Kennedy's successful programs abroad were the \_\_\_\_\_, which helped Latin American countries seeking democratic reforms, and the \_\_\_\_\_, which provided educational aid in developing countries.

## II. Hopes Cut Off

A. Police arrested \_\_\_\_\_ for the President's assassination, but he was never tried because he, too, was murdered two days after his arrest.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ determined that Oswald acted alone and that Kennedy's murder was not part of a conspiracy.

C. The nation was \_\_\_\_\_ by Kennedy's assassination, and many people wondered what he might have accomplished had he lived.

## III. Johnson's Great Society

A. Among the strengths Johnson brought to the presidency was his ability to build \_\_\_\_\_, or temporarily to bring together people of opposing opinions to solve a problem or reach a goal.

B. Johnson quickly pushed Kennedy's initiatives, including the \_\_\_\_\_ Rights Act, through Congress, then worked to get his own reforms—such as Medicare, Medicaid, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Model Cities Act—passed.

C. Johnson's Great Society created many programs to help many Americans; however, implementing them was difficult because of lack of \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the Vietnam War.

② Write a short answer to the question below on a separate sheet of paper.

How were Kennedy and Johnson different in their approaches to their presidential roles?