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| Lyndon B. Johnson (1963 - 1969) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3966 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (C) | Vietnam War | (1) | head of the majority party in Senate |
| (E) | Vice Presidency | (2) | second highest office in government |
| (E) | Great Society | (3) | Kennedy’s domestic program |
| (E) | Medicaid | (4) | Johnson’s social reform program |
| (E) | Civil Rights Act | (5) | health insurance for elderly |
| (F) | New Frontier | (6) | health insurance for low-income individuals |
| (N) | Voting Rights Act | (7) | law protecting African American voting rights |
| (R) | Senate Majority Leader | (8) | conflict involving US in Vietnam |
| (R) | Medicare | (9) | law prohibiting discrimination |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (C) | Johnson was first elected ... | (1) | ... was born in Texas. |
| (E) | Johnson’s presidency was significantly ... | (2) | ... a teacher and principal. |
| (I) | He served as ... | (3) | ... to the House of Representatives. |
| (P) | Lyndon B. Johnson ... | (4) | ... under President Kennedy. |
| (R) | One of his initiatives ... | (5) | ... with a focus on reforms. |
| (T) | He became vice president ... | (6) | ... was the Great Society. |
| (U) | Johnson’s presidency began ... | (7) | ... affected by the Vietnam War. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What was Johnson’s profession before politics? |
| (D) | a teacher |
| (R) | a doctor |
| (V) | a lawyer |
| 2. | Who was Johnson vice president under? |
| (A) | John F. Kennedy |
| (B) | Richard Nixon |
| (S) | Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| 3. | What was the Great Society? |
| (M) | a foreign policy initiative |
| (N) | a social reform program |
| (R) | a military strategy |
| 4. | What war affected Johnson’s presidency? |
| (G) | Vietnam War |
| (R) | Korean War |
| (V) | World War II |
| 5. | What act did Johnson sign into law? |
| (A) | Patriot Act |
| (E) | Civil Rights Act |
| (S) | Affordable Care Act |
| 6. | When did Johnson leave the presidency? |
| (A) | 1963 |
| (R) | 1969 |
| (V) | 1973 |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (M) | (V) | 1. Lyndon B. Johnson was a teacher. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. Johnson was born in 1900. |
| (R) | (S) | 3. Johnson was vice president under Roosevelt. |
| (S) | (R) | 4. Johnson became president in 1963. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Johnson’s Great Society eliminated poverty completely. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What was Johnson’s early life like?

What was Johnson’s political career before the presidency?

What was Johnson’s role as vice president?

What were some initiatives of the Great Society?

How did the Vietnam War affect Johnson’s presidency?

What was the Civil Rights Act?

What did Johnson do after his presidency?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Lyndon B. Johnson (1963 - 1969)**

**Match terms**

Senate Majority Leader = head of the majority party in Senate

Vice Presidency = second highest office in government

New Frontier = Kennedy’s domestic program

Great Society = Johnson’s social reform program

Medicare = health insurance for elderly

Medicaid = health insurance for low-income individuals

Voting Rights Act = law protecting African American voting rights

Vietnam War = conflict involving US in Vietnam

Civil Rights Act = law prohibiting discrimination

Keyword: REFERENCE

**Complete sentences**

Lyndon B. Johnson | was born in Texas.

He served as | a teacher and principal.

Johnson was first elected | to the House of Representatives.

He became vice president | under President Kennedy.

Johnson’s presidency began | with a focus on reforms.

One of his initiatives | was the Great Society.

Johnson’s presidency was significantly | affected by the Vietnam War.

Keyword: PICTURE

**Questions**

What was Johnson’s profession before politics?

a teacher

Who was Johnson vice president under?

John F. Kennedy

What was the Great Society?

a social reform program

What war affected Johnson’s presidency?

Vietnam War

What act did Johnson sign into law?

Civil Rights Act

When did Johnson leave the presidency?

1969

Keyword: DANGER

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Lyndon B. Johnson was a teacher.

4. Johnson became president in 1963.

5. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act.

wrong

6. Johnson’s Great Society eliminated poverty completely.

2. Johnson was born in 1900.

3. Johnson was vice president under Roosevelt.

Keyword: COLLAR

**Solution sheet 2**

**Lyndon B. Johnson (1963 - 1969)**

**Questions and answers**

What was Johnson’s early life like?

Johnson grew up in a poor family in Texas and worked as a teacher and principal after college.

What was Johnson’s political career before the presidency?

Johnson served in the House of Representatives and the Senate, where he became Senate Majority Leader.

What was Johnson’s role as vice president?

As vice president, Johnson focused on domestic issues and worked closely with Kennedy on the New Frontier programs.

What were some initiatives of the Great Society?

The Great Society included Medicare, Medicaid, and the Voting Rights Act to improve education, healthcare, and civil rights.

How did the Vietnam War affect Johnson’s presidency?

The Vietnam War led to protests and criticism of Johnson, overshadowing many of his domestic achievements.

What was the Civil Rights Act?

The Civil Rights Act, which Johnson signed into law, prohibited discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

What did Johnson do after his presidency?

After his presidency, Johnson retired to his ranch in Texas and remained active in public life, promoting civil rights and education initiatives.