Spotlight on 1965

Choose one event below. In a small group, research how each event might have affected children, teens, and adults and discuss how the event relates to the concept of the American dream.



POLITICS OF 1965

President Lyndon Johnson proposes a "Great Society" (a collection of social initiatives).

Operation Rolling Thunder is launched against targets in North Vietnam.

The Supreme Court approves conscientious objector status allowing people with certain beliefs to not serve in the military.

First U.S. combat troops enter South Vietnam. -

Malcolm X is assassinated.

Medicare legislation is passed.

Congress passes law that makes the burning of draft cards illegal.

Higher Education Act provides financial assistance for college students.

Immigration Act of 1965 allows more immigrants to enter the U.S.





Imagine that you are a teenager in 1965.

How would YOU react? How about your parents?

Write a short dialogue showing what you might have said to your parents to describe your thoughts and emotions.

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS OF 1965

American poet Allen Ginsberg coins the phrase "Flower Power."

Teenagers use phrases including *outta'* sight, swell, square, far out, and hip.

University of Michigan "teach-in" is the first antiwar protest.

Watts riots bring six days of violence —— in South Los Angeles, Calif.



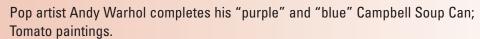


CULTURAL EVENTS OF 1965

Sony and Cher appear on American Bandstand singing "I've Got You Babe."

The National Foundation of the Arts and Humanities is founded.

The Keepers of the House by Shirley Anne Grau wins the Pulitzer Prize for literature.



The Beatles play at Shea Stadium in front of a record-breaking audience of 55,600.

Astronaut Edward White travels 100 miles above the earth for the first U.S. space walk.

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