**Comparing Nixon’s Efforts with Previous Administrations**

**Directions:** Use the Nixon Administration Readings PDF and your textbook / internet research to respond to the questions below.

**Great Society Programs, Critique, and Aftermath** (Use reading on PDF p. 213 and 214)

1. What were the purposes of some of these programs?
2. How was Lyndon B. Johnson’s Great Society an extension of the New Deal programs of Franklin D. Roosevelt?
3. How did President Nixon change course from Johnson’s programs and policies?

**Legacy of the Great Society** (Use cartoon on PDF p. 216)

1. What does the political cartoon tell you about Nixon’s attitude toward social change in the 1970’s?

**Three American Presidents Face a Conflict in Vietnam**

Directions: Three American presidents had to deal directly with the conflict in Vietnam. Each dealt with the war under different circumstances, and their actions resulted in changes in American policy. Use your textbook and internet research to answer the questions about each president’s foreign policy.

**John F. Kennedy**

1. Why did Kennedy support the Diem regime?
2. What led to the creation of the National Liberation Front?
3. Why was the Strategic Hamlet Program unsuccessful?
4. Explain America’s involvement in the assassination of Diem.

**Lyndon B. Johnson**

1. How did the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution lead to greater commitment of U.S. forces in Vietnam and why was it considered an early turning point in U.S. policy in Vietnam?
2. Why was Operation Rolling Thunder considered a major escalation of the Vietnam War?
3. What was the strategy of the Communist Party in South Vietnam?
4. What is the theory behind a limited war?
5. The Tet Offensive was considered the turning point in the Vietnam War. Explain why.

**Richard M. Nixon**

1. What was Nixon’s Vietnamization policy?
2. Why did Nixon invade Cambodia?
3. What finally made Nixon agree to peace in Vietnam?
4. What happened to Saigon?

**A Trip to China** (Use reading on PDF p. 220)

Directions: The following excerpt pertains to a meeting between Henry Kissinger and the leadership of the People’s Republic of China to lay the groundwork for Richard Nixon’s historic visit to China. Read the document and answer the questions.

1. What issue did Kissinger believe would be most difficult to discuss with the Chinese?
2. What was Kissinger’s assessment of the Chinese leadership?
3. How did Kissinger think other nations would react to Nixon’s visit?
4. What did Kissinger believe would be the alternative if Nixon did not visit China?
5. What did Kissinger believe the United States would have to do to maintain good relations with the Soviet Union?
6. According to Kissinger, how would the United States have to approach its allies in the Far East?
7. What did Kissinger think the United States had to do to get other countries’ support for new relations with China?