

**Group Discussion Questions – Chapter One - *Kurlansky's 1968
Library Orientation***

THE VIETNAM WAR

- Is the Vietnam War the reason Johnson decided against running for a second term of office?

Happenings: Tet Offensive; Primaries, Eugene McCarthy, Robert Kennedy
Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ); Vietnam War

DS 557-559 Vietnamese Conflict; E 847-851 US History 1963-1969

Congress and the Nation 1965-68 Ref 49 C653

Vietnam War Ref DS 557.4 V57

Triumph & tragedy of Lyndon Johnson: White House years E847 .C32

Making of the President 1968 E 8451.W5

FRANCE AND SPAIN

- ❖ De Gaulle mentions that “the Left would be more successful in uniform than they would in actually taking power.” Who or what is he talking about?

Communists? Leftists? Student revolt?

DC 411-419 French History 1958-1969

French Student Revolt DC 412 B631

France and the French a modern history DC 373 K44

THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS

- What caused many of the riots mentioned in chapter one?

MLK Assassination Trenton, Washington DC, Baltimore, Chicago

Why were people saying that 1968 was going to be the year for civil rights at the beginning of the year?

Poor Peoples Campaign, Martin Luther King

E 184-85 Civil Rights Movement & African American History;

E 847-851 US History 1963-1969

Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties Ref JC 599 U5

America's Struggle against Poverty in the Twentieth Century HN 59 P39

Chronology of African American History E 185 H64

POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES

- In 1968, did politics shape American for the better or the worse?

Control of Political Parties; Changes in the election a party nominee for president

JK 2250-2391 U.S. Political Parties; F 548 History of Chicago

Political Parties and Elections in the U.S Ref: JK 2261P633
Political Parties in America Ref JK 2262.P636

- Can similarities be drawn between the civil rights movement of 1968 and the gay rights movement of today? If so, how are the movements the same or different?

Strategies, Tactics, Organization

HQ 75-77 Homosexuality, Lesbianism, Gay Liberation Movement

Library in a Book: Gay Rights Ref HQ76.8 K73
Encyclopedia of American Social Movements Ref HN57 .E594

NIGERIA AND ISRAEL-PALESTINE

- 📖 Why wasn't there a better way for Nigeria to take oil from Biafra? Nigeria, Ibo, Igbos

DT 515 Nigeria

Encyclopedia of the Stateless Nations Ref D860 M56
World Conflicts and Confrontations Ref D 860 W64
Biafra Story DT 515.9 E3
CountryWatch Database

- 📖 How did Palestine come about? Why did the land change hands?

- 📖 Why did the Arabs decline the exchange of peace for land?

DS 107-150 Israel and Palestine

Encyclopedia of the Stateless Nations Ref D860 M56
World Conflicts and Confrontations Ref D 860 W64;
Cultures in Conflict Arab Israeli Conflict Ref DS 119.7 G642
Israel: A Country Study DS 126.5 I772
CountryWatch Database

CUBA AND THE SOVIET BLOC

- Che Guevara influenced the rebellion in Cuba, but what did he do for his country?

Argentina or Cuba? Exporting revolution, Congo, Bolivia

- Why did the U.S. want to come into Cuba? What were their intentions?

Castro, Bay of Pigs, Cuban Missile Crisis, Soviet Union, Trade embargo

F1188 Cuba 1959-1980

Encyclopedia of U.S. Foreign Relations Ref E 183.7 E53
Che F2849.22 G85
CountryWatch Database