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
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

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 1772
- 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