1968: A Year of Turmoil

I. Americans experienced great change in the 1960s:
   A. The decade began with _____________ & ________________ under Kennedy
   B. But, events in the mid-1960s increased tensions & anxieties
      1. ____________________________ violence in Birmingham (1963) & Selma (1965)
   C. The decade closed in _____________ with one of the most tumultuous years in U.S. history

II. 1968
   A. In 1968, _________________________________________ was assassinated
      1. MLK’s death set off ________________________ in over 100 cities
      2. MLK’s assassination marked a turning point in the civil rights movement from ______________ to ______________ & “Black Power”
   B. In 1968, JFK’s brother ________________________________________ was assassinated when he ran for president
      1 RFK’s death divided the ________________ Party & led to a massive, violent ________________ at the Chicago Democratic National Convention
      2. Republican ________________ took advantage of the divided Democrats & won the 1968 election
   C. Student Protest & Vietnam
      1. Since 1965, Americans were sent to fight ____________________________ in ______________
      2. 1968 was the ________________ of the Vietnam War & the year of the disastrous ________________ American involvement in Vietnam
      3. ________________ & activists across the country ________________ not to run for a second term as president

Civil Rights Events
A. 1954 Brown v. Board of Education
B. 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott
C. 1957 “Little Rock 9”
D. 1957 Formation of SCLC
E. 1960 Sit-Ins & the Formation of SNCC
F. 1961 Freedom Rides
G. 1963 Birmingham March
H. 1963 March on Washington
I. 1964 Freedom Summer
J. 1965 March to Selma
K. 1965 Assassination of Malcolm X
L. 1968 Assassination of MLK

Foreign Policy / Cold War Events
▲ 1957 USSR launched Sputnik
◆ 1957 Formation of NASA
♥ 1960 U-2 Incident
▲ 1961 Berlin Crisis & Berlin Wall
* 1961 Bay of Pigs
▼ 1961 JFK formed the Peace Corps
# 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis
⊕ 1962 JFK commits the U.S. to the moon

Domestic Policy Events
1. 1954 End of McCarthyism
2. 1958 Interstate Highway System
3. 1960 Nixon/JFK TV Debates & Election of JFK
4. 1963 Assassination of JFK
5. 1964 Civil Rights Act
6. 1965 Voting Rights Act
7. 1965 Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society Programs
   (Medicare, War on Poverty, Head Start, PBS)
8. 1968 Assassination of RFK
9. 1968 Protest at Democratic National Convention