

Handout 2 - Counterculture Timeline

1960s Timeline: The Dominant Culture vs. The Counterculture

For each timeline event below, discuss with a partner whether you think that event is reflective of the DOMINANT CULTURE or reflective of the COUNTERCULTURE, and why?

December 1961

President John F. Kennedy orders build up of U.S. presence in South Vietnam, including additional equipment and over 3,000 additional military advisors and support personnel.

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August 1963

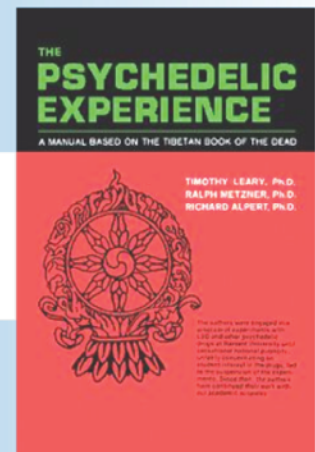
Over 200,000 people participate in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in protest of racism.

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February 1964

The Beatles appear for the first time on the Ed Sullivan Show, a hugely popular American TV program. A record 73 million viewers tune in.

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1964

The Psychedelic Experience: A Manual Based on the Tibetan Book of the Dead, a book exploring both Eastern philosophy and the therapeutic use of hallucinogenic drugs, is published.

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July 1965

Lyndon Johnson increases U.S. military presence in Vietnam from 75,000 troops to 125,000 troops.

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1966

Beatle George Harrison begins life-long collaboration with Indian musician Ravi Shankar.

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January 1967

20,000 - 30,000 people stage a "Human Be-In" anti-war event in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

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August 1969

Over 400,000 people gather in upstate New York for the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, the largest gathering of the youth movement to date, with performances by Jimi Hendrix, The Who, the Grateful Dead and many others.

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