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THE READING / LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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During World War II he served briefly in the Navy and won a Silver Star medal in the South Pacific. He served six terms in the House of Representatives and was elected to the Senate in 1948. In 1953, he became the youngest Minority Leader in Senate history, and the following year, when the Democrats won control, Majority Leader. His political skill helped a number of key Eisenhower measures pass.

In the 1960 campaign, Johnson, as John F. Kennedy's running mate, was elected Vice President. On November 22, 1963, when Kennedy was assassinated, Johnson was sworn in as President. He continued Kennedy's work and passed a new civil rights bill and a tax cut. He urged the nation "to build a great society, a place where the meaning of man's life matches the marvels of man's labor."

In 1964, Johnson was re-elected with 61% of the vote and the widest winning margin in U.S. history - more than 15,000,000 votes. He passed acts to increase education, fight disease and poverty, and provide the elderly with medical care. He did not run for re-election because he wanted to focus on world peace during the Vietnam War. He died of a heart attack, aged 64, at his Texas ranch in 1973.

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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5. _____
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STUDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Lyndon B. Johnson in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about Lyndon B. Johnson. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Lyndon B. Johnson. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. LYNDON B. JOHNSON POSTER Make a poster about Lyndon B. Johnson. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY LYNDON B. JOHNSON LESSON: Make your own English lesson on Lyndon B. Johnson. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on Lyndon B. Johnson. Share your findings with the class.

