**CHAPTER #13**

**Section #3: The Great Society**

**LBJ Background**

- born in Stonewall, Texas - Aug. 27, 1908

- attended Southwest Texas Teachers College in San Marcos

- 1934 married Claudia Alta Taylor - "Ladybird" - brought stability to his life.

- director of the NYA in Texas

- elected to the House of Representatives in 1937

- elected to the Senate in 1948

- VP to help Kennedy win the election and because of his failure to get the Democratic nomination

**Domestic Legislation**

**Civil Rights Act of 1964**

- bans discrimination because of a person's color, race, national origin, religion or sex.

- forbade racial discrimination in the use of federal funds

- protects a person's freedom to seek employment, vote, & use hotels, parks, restaurants and other public places.

- gave the gov't power to use the courts to desegregate the schools

- created the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to take complaints to court

- filibuster - 83 days

- became law July 2, 1964

- today it still remains as one of the strongest Civil Rights laws ever passed

**Office of Economic Opportunity**

- war on poverty

- Community Action Program - Head Start

- VISTA

**National Defense Education Act**

**Tax Cut**

**Wilderness Act**

**Other**

- increased food stamp program for those on welfare

- $1.4 billion to the states for hospitals and health centers

- $375 million at assist cities with mass-transit systems

**Election of 1964**

**The Great Society**

**Medicare**

- citizens over 65 received low-cost hospital insurance - funded by an increase in Social Security tax

**Medicaid**

- Federal-State program - help states who wanted to establish their own programs to help those needy folks below the age of 65

**Housing and Urban Development**

- Robert Weaver

- 1/4 million units of low-cost public housing

- clearing of slums and cities received $2.9 billion

- rents of low and moderate income families subsidized

**Elementary and Secondary Education Act**

- first large scale program of federal aid to grade-school level education - $1.3 billion

- could only go to those schools complying with federal desegregation orders

- 85% - remedial reading and math

**Appalachian Regional Development Act**

**Immigration Act**

**Highway Safety Act**

**Water Quality and Water Restoration Act**

**Conclusion**

- over 500 pieces of legislation passed

- more reform legislation passed at any time since the New Deal

**Who was more successful in putting social programs in place? Kennedy or Johnson?**