

The Assassination of John F. Kennedy

President Kennedy was visiting Dallas, Texas, in November 1963 when he was shot and killed. The man arrested for the murder – Lee Harvey Oswald – was himself later shot and killed only days after the assassination in a bizarre second murder. Did Oswald act alone? Most Americans doubt it, but no clear connection with a larger plot has ever been proved.

bizarre: strange
to doubt: not be sure
plot: plan, scheme



The Vietnam War.

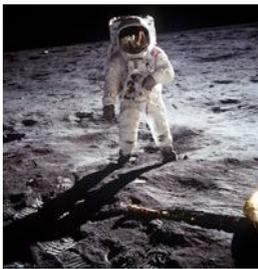
America's third Asian war of the 20th century lasted for eight years and ended in failure. The war was strongly opposed by many Americans. US troops finally left South Vietnam in 1973. This meant victory for the Communist government of North Vietnam.

failure: bad luck
finally: to the end

The Watergate Scandal

Two reporters from a Washington newspaper proved that a burglary into the Watergate building was part of a big "dirty tricks campaign" to re-elect President Nixon. Nixon had to resign in August 1974.

to prove: to make sure
burglary: theft
to resign: to leave office



The First Man on the Moon

Astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon only 63 years after the historic first flight of the Wright Brothers. His space-craft was Apollo 11. His companions were Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. His first words on the moon were "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind".

step: go
giant: very big
leap: jump

The Collapse of Communism

When communism collapsed in 1989, America became the world's only true superpower. The "Cold War" was over and a new, highly unstable period in world's history had begun.

to collapse: to end
unstable: unsecure



Multiple choice:

Who said on TV on August 8, 1974: ... *Therefore, I shall resign at noon tomorrow. Vice President Ford will be... ?*

- John F. Kennedy
- Buzz Aldrin
- Richard M. Nixon

Watergate in Washington DC was

- the Democrat Party's headquarters.
- the NASA base for the moon rockets.
- the place where communism collapsed.

What country was the second superpower during the Cold War?

- Vietnam
- Germany
- Russia

Who was Lee Harvey Oswald?

- The murderer of an American President.
- A war hero in the Vietnam war.
- The second man on the moon.

Apollo 11 was

- a newspaper reporter.
- a spacecraft.
- a plot to kill the President.

The first man on the moon was

- Laika Dog
- Neil Armstrong
- Lyndon B. Johnson

Dallas is

- the nickname of the Vice President.
- a city in the South of the USA.
- the leader of the communists in Vietnam.

In 1989 a long and high wall was demolished by the people.

- In Texas.
- In Berlin.
- In San Francisco.

Before an US-President is elected he has do

- a giant leap.
- some dirty tricks.
- a campaign.