

L. B. Johnson's Great Society

Many pieces of legislation were introduced and put into practice during LBJ's time in office. One major initiative he wanted was to create a "Great Society."

Your assignment is to choose one of the pieces of legislation from the list below and answer the following questions in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper. You may type your responses or you may neatly handwrite them. A good place to start researching your piece of legislation would be government websites (ends with .gov)

The Library of Congress

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

U.S Senate

http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/g_three_sections_with_teasers/legislative_home.htm

Great Society Legislation: 1964-1966

Economic Opportunity Act, 1964

Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), 1964

Medicare, 1965

Medicaid, 1965

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

Immigration Act of 1965

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 1965

The National Foundations of the Arts and Humanities, 1965

Water Quality Act, 1965

Clean Water Restoration Act, 1966

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, 1966

Things to Find Out/Questions to Answer

1. Does this legislation still exist today?
2. Who is "in charge" of the organization?
3. What does their job entail?
4. What types of activities does it engage in?
5. What demographic (type) of person/people does this legislation impact? Are you affected by it? Why or why not?
6. Has it undergone any name changes or changes to what it encompasses?
7. What is its operating budget? (How much money does it use annually?)