

Times of Change—A Synthesis

Synthesizing and **integrating** are combining parts (facts, thoughts, or ideas) into a new whole.

You synthesize/integrate when you

- use what you already know to figure out the meaning of a new word
- combine several brainstorming suggestions to develop a solution to a problem
- develop a consensus of opinion based on everyone's ideas
- use information from several different sources in a project
- adapt an idea from one form to another (for example, you create a play based on a novel or a dance based on a poem)

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Essential Question: What effect did the decade of the 60s have on the United States?

Directions: The chart on the following screens will help you organize your ideas about how the 60s changed America.

In the first column, identify the most important events and issues of the decade. Consider trends (such as fashion), issues (such as the generation gap), values (such as freedom), music (such as protest songs), and popular opinion (such as distrust of government).

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In the second column, describe the way each event or issue changed American society. Note: there can be more than one way an event such as the Vietnam War influenced society. Finally, **synthesize** your ideas into a final statement about the lasting influence of the 60s. Before you write your final statement, you may find it helpful to review the table of contents and the essays at the beginning of the book.

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Issue or Event of the 60s	How It Changed the United States
War in Vietnam	Some in the U.S. are reluctant to get involved in conflicts abroad because of the defeat in Vietnam.
(Your Response)	

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Music	Lyrics became more political, protesting the war and promoting Civil Rights and environmental causes. Extremes in music were explored—both rock and folk music were popular.

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End of the war	Returning soldiers were not welcomed home like soldiers had been after WW II. Many struggled with the lingering effects of post-traumatic stress disorder. Society was not prepared to handle their rehabilitation.

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Trends	Pop culture “rebelled” against society with long hair and miniskirts. There was a new sense of independence and freedom among young people who popularized these trends.

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Hippie movement	This movement, based upon freedom, love, and peace, found that its ideals didn't work in reality.
War protests	Americans expressed sharply divided opinions about the war, with some supporting the government and others marching in protest. These ideological divisions continue today.

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Final statement about the effect(s) the decade of the 60s had on the United States:

Possible answer: The 60s deeply changed the United States. Many people did not approve of the government's decision to go to war in Vietnam. Rebellion against the establishment was seen in the hippie movement, fashion, and music. Yet some Americans strongly supported the government. This led to a division in American ideology which continues today.