

1968: A Fifty-Year Perspective

Purpose: The purpose of this seminar is to look at this pivotal year, 1968, from a 50-year vantage point, both as an individual who lived it and as an historian analyzing it.

Moderator:	Glenn Swanson
Co-moderator:	Jay Russell
Date and Time:	Wednesday morning, 10:00-Noon 10 weeks, starting September 26 (no class Nov .21)
Format:	Seminar
Location:	Smith College, Dewey Hall Common

Description: Fifty years is a good time to start fully accepting analysis of an era, a person, an event, or an administration. We all lived through 1968. Ponder simply a few of the highlights and then we can consider so many other points during 1968 that had an impact on the United States or our own lives: e.g., Tet, Johnson's speech that he would not run, the assassination of MLK, the assassination of RFK, the Democratic Convention in Chicago, the election of Richard Nixon. What did these mean then? What do they mean now? Let's reflect, reconsider, assess.

Role of participants: To present a topic for an hour's information and discussion, and to participate and engage in consideration of this historical period.

Resources: The moderators encourage all members of the seminar to read *1968: The Year that Rocked the World*, Mark Kurlansky (1999), available in paperback, for an overview and memory refresher of the year 1968. Online searches should yield a plethora of books, articles and other resources for presentation topic choices on the year's significant people and events.

About the Moderators: Glenn Swanson has co-moderated a seminar "Woodrow Wilson" and moderated a seminar "Hitler and Nazi Germany". He was a history teacher for nearly fifty years and has an extensive interest in history. Jay Russell, a retired attorney and 5CLIR member since 2013, is interested in history and politics and has co-moderated or moderated seminars on presidential powers, the 2016 elections and the Supreme Court.

Maximum number of participants: 18

Auditors accepted: yes, up to 2

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