

Johnson and the Great Society
Chapter 15 Lesson 1 – pages 240-244

Before You Read

1. Look at the photos in this lesson. Predict what you think the lesson will be about.
2. One of the lesson headings is “**War on Poverty**”. What do you think this means?

As You Read

1. Who did Johnson believe that government had a responsibility to help?
2. What helped President Johnson push through JFK’s New Frontier legislation?
3. What is the poverty line, according to your textbook?
4. What was the goal of the Office of Economic Opportunity?
5. What did VISTA volunteers do to help the poor?
6. In addition to banning discrimination against race, what other types of discrimination did the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlaw?
7. What Jim Crow laws were made automatically illegal by the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

8. What was one major weakness of the Civil Rights Act of 1964?
9. What was the job of the EEOC?
10. Who did the Republicans nominate as their candidate to run against President Johnson in 1964?
11. What was the main issue in the campaign?
12. What was Johnson's campaign message about Vietnam?
13. Your book says, "Johnson was reelected in a **landslide**." What do you think **landslide** means in this context?

Read the **Biography** about Vista Volunteers on page 244

1. What was the goal of VISTA?
2. What age were most VISTA volunteers?
3. What did Ivy Marshall do in the Appalachia region of Kentucky?
4. What does Ivy Marshal mean when she said that she believed "she had learned as much as she had taught?"