**“C” Sample Responses**

**1. Compare and contrast Johnson and Kennedy’s domestic policy agendas. How would you explain the differences you note?**

Johnson’s domestic policy focused on civil rights, attacking poverty. Kennedy’s domestic policy agenda focused on support for job training, equality for women, mental health programs and space exploration. The differences between the two are that Johnson’s policies focused largely on improving societal and economic conditions for minorities, such as African Americans, women and the poor. Kennedy’s domestic policy agenda also focused some on improving conditions for minorities, such as women the mentally ill, but he also focused on technological growth and advancement.

**2. Compare and contrast Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. What were the most important similarities and differences in their responses to racial discrimination and segregation?**

Martin Luther King Jr and Malcolm X were prominent Civil Rights activists during the 1960s whose speeches had powerful influence throughout the movement. However their philosophies on racial discrimination and segregation, and their personalities greatly differed from one another.  Malcolm X was a black muslim who had converted to Islam during his 10 year stint in prison for robbery. He valued pride,self sufficiency and self determination. After visiting Mecca and meeting whites of the same faith as him, Malcolm developed his opinion about whites saying that some were indeed good people yet black people should not rely on them to protect them. He did not advocate for MLK’s non-violence policy and told black americans that they needed to defend themselves. Martin Luther King Junior was non violent and expected there to be white opposition to desegregation. He accepted being arrested for protesting in Alabama and wrote one of his most famous speeches Letter from Birmingham Jail while in prison. He also gave a very prominent speech called the I have a Dream Speech during the march on Washington in August of 1963 where MLK envisioned a desegregated America and strong race relations.