

Timeline of the 1960s

- **November 1960** John F. Kennedy won the election over Richard Nixon by 100,000 votes and became the first Catholic President of the United States.
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- **May 1961** President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.
- **May 1961** President Kennedy signed legislation raising the minimum wage from \$1.00 an hour to \$1.25 an hour by September 1963.
- **April 1961** The Bay of Pigs Invasion was a failed landing operation on the southwestern coast of Cuba in 1961, by Cuban exiles who opposed Fidel Castro's Cuban Revolution
- **September 1962** President Kennedy ordered federal troops and the federalized National Guard to the campus of the University of Mississippi to enforce the court-ordered admission of James Meredith, an African American.
- **November 1963** President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas and Lyndon B. Johnson became the next president of the United States.
- **January 1964** President Johnson declared a War on Poverty.
- **July 1964** President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Law of 1964. The act outlawed discrimination in public facilities, such as parks, and public accommodations, such as hotels and restaurants, and it prohibited employment discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, or gender.

- **November 1964** President Johnson trounced Barry Goldwater in the presidential election winning 486 out of the 538 electoral votes.
- **July 1965** President Johnson created Medicare, a national health plan for the elderly, and Medicaid, which provided health care for people on welfare.
- **August 1965** President Johnson passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which outlawed literacy tests and other tests used to keep African- Americans from voting.
- **September 1966** President Johnson raised the minimum wage from \$1.25 an hour to \$1.60 an hour by February 1968.
- **January 1969** The Vietcong lead a massive attack on American troops and South Vietnam. It was called the Tet Offensive.
- **April 1968** The assassination of Martin Luther King caused demonstrations across the country.
- **May 1968** President Johnson announced that he would not run for a second term in office.
- **November 1968** Richard Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey and became the President of the United States.
- **July 1969** Astronaut Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon.
- **October 1969** Protests against the Vietnam War increased with a huge demonstration led by the Weathermen in Chicago.

Timeline for Arizona and Peoria

- **1960** **The population of Phoenix was 1,302,161.**
- **1962** **The Phoenix Zoo opened its doors.**
- **1964** **Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater was defeated in his bid to become President of the United States.**
- **1965** **Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum opened in Phoenix.**
- **1966** **Peoria City Council held its first organized meeting.**
- **1966** **Ernesto Miranda was arrested and convicted in Phoenix for kidnapping and rape. His conviction was appealed to the Supreme Court and overturned because he was not read his rights. Now, police have to say: “You have the right to remain silent” when you are arrested.**
- **1968** **Phoenix Suns basketball team was founded.**
- **1968** **Phoenix passed the bond issue to build a sewer system.**
- **1970** **By 1970 the population of Peoria was 4,792 people.**

