

1968: You may have been there, but what do you really know?

1968 was a tumultuous year in United States History. This Five Week course will look back at the events of that year and attempt to place them in the context of both pre- and post- 1968 events.

The class will follow a simple format of lecture and discussion. Week one will discuss the 1960s prior to 1968. Some of the pre-1968 topics will be the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, the Civil Rights movement, the war in Vietnam, and the rise of the New Left.

The following four weeks will be broken down according to calendar quarters; Week 2 Jan-Mar, Week 3 April—June, Week 4 July-September, Week 5 October-December.

Each week will have a 35-minute overview lecture of that quarter's events followed by a discussion of those events. Assuming that most class participants were alive in 1968 it is expected that the discussions will be at least as active as the lecture.

Participants will be asked to read at least parts of Mark Kurlansky's book *"1968; the Year that Rocked the World"* and will be given a syllabus with details concerning each week's specific topics. Some of the topics to be discussed will be the Tet Offensive, the Kerner Commission report of Civil Unrest, the political party conventions of 1968, the Summer Olympics in 1968, and the election of Richard Nixon.