Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated John F. Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963. James Earl Ray shot Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis on May 5, 1968. Sirhan Sirhan killed Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles on June 1968. President Richard Nixon left office on August 9, 1974. Much else happened in America between 1963 and 1974 that strained and stretched American politics and culture during this period: the civil rights movement, the counterculture, the women’s movement, and the Vietnam War and the antiwar movement. We will survey these significant events, mainly through works of nonfiction, journalism, fiction, poetry, music, and film. Required work will include a few short papers, a long paper, and a final. Since this is an honors seminar, class participation will be expected and valued.

**Possible Texts:**

**Possible Films:**
Four Days in November, I Have a Dream, Soundtrack for a Revolution, Let Freedom Sing, 4 Little Girls, A Ripple of Hope, Monterey Pop, A Hard Day’s Night, The War at Home, Berkeley in the Sixties, Apocalypse Now, Medium Cool, LBJ Goes to War, Tet 1968, Homefront USA, All the President’s Men, Hippies, Stonewall Uprising, Woodstock, The Doors; Phil Ochs: There But For Fortune; The Most Dangerous Man in America; et alia.