

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

TEST DATE:

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- ◆ Lyndon B. Johnson, or LBJ, was born in Stonewall, Texas.
- ◆ One major problem that he wanted to solve was that of **poverty** (extreme lack of money), and he believed that education would help overcome it.
- ◆ LBJ became the youngest member of Congress at age 28. He fought to end **segregation**, where African Americans were treated unfairly by being kept apart from other Americans in many public places.
- ◆ In 1960, Senator John F. Kennedy asked LBJ if he would run for Vice President. Johnson accepted, and John F. Kennedy became our 36th President and Johnson served as the Vice President.
- ◆ Johnson worked to create a Great Society, which focused its efforts on education, medical care, and housing.
- ◆ LBJ chose Thurgood Marshall to be a Supreme Court judge. Marshall became the first African American to serve on the Supreme Court.

In addition, be prepared to:

- Refer to a simple timeline of LBJ's life using the facts and dates that will be provided.
- Choose and explain evidence of one character trait that LBJ showed.
 - cooperation, diligence, courage, or leadership.

