The History of the United States in the 1960s (HIST 352) will be an online space to read, think, and talk about the Sixties as both a watershed in modern U.S. history and an era whose contested reputation continues to preoccupy current observers. Specific topics include American popular culture and countercultures, politics and presidential elections, the evolution of social activism and rights agitation, breakthroughs in science and technology, foreign policy, and national economic and environmental transformations (...and much more!). This course also considers how the Sixties era reshaped late twentieth/early twenty-first century America, as well as how the history of the 1960s has been challenged and changed by an ever-evolving field of scholarship in recent decades. Yet, even as interpretations have shifted with time, there still remains some consensus that point to the 1960s as a critical dividing line in modern U.S. history, culture, politics, and environment.

What exactly do the Sixties represent? And are the Sixties even over yet?