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**American History**

**Comparing the similarities and differences of Lyndon Baines Johnson and Hubert Horatio Humphrey**

**Grades 6-12**

**Objectives:** While studying the 1960s have students examine the 1964 Presidential ticket of Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey. Why did Lyndon Johnson choose Hubert Humphrey to be his running mate? Investigating the backgrounds of these two political leaders from very different parts of America will help students understand the goals of these two men in the creation of the Great Society.

**Materials needed:** Teaching with Primary Sources the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum teacher guide or books/internet sites on the personal backgrounds of LBJ and HHH.

**Venn diagram number 1:**

**Key Question:** How were the childhoods of LBJ and HHH similar?

**LBJ                      Similarities                      HHH**

**Venn diagram number 2:**

**Key Question:** How were the educational opportunities and successes of LBJ and HHH in college similar?

**LBJ                      Similarities                      HHH**

**Venn diagram number 3:**

**Key Question:** What problems and setbacks did LBJ and HHH face in there early political careers?

**LBJ                      Similarities                      HHH**

**Venn diagram number 4:**

**Key Question: How did LBJ and HHH succeed and rise up in the Democratic Political Party?**

**LBJ                  Similarities                  HHH**

**Venn diagram number 5:**

**Key Question: What national issues and political goals did LBJ and HHH have in common?**

**LBJ                  Similarities                  HHH**

**Closure:**

**Why do you think Lyndon Johnson picked Hubert Humphrey to his running mate in 1964?**

**Do you pick your friends based on commonality or diversity? How do you think most people pick their friends?**

**Why would be good for a President to have commonality with the Vice-President? Could commonality ever be bad?**