

The Assassination of John F. Kennedy

President Kennedy was visiting Dallas, Texas, in November 1963 when he was shot and killed. The man arrested for the murder – Lee Harvey Oswald – was himself later shot and killed only days after the assassination in a bizarre second murder. Did Oswald act alone? Most Americans doubt it, but no clear connection with a larger plot has ever been proved.

bizarre: eigenartig
to doubt: zweifeln
plot: Plan, Verschwörung



The Vietnam War.

America's third Asian war of the 20th century lasted for eight years and ended in failure. The war was strongly opposed by many Americans. US troops finally left South Vietnam in 1973. This meant victory for the Communist government of North Vietnam.

failure: Misserfolg
finally: schlussendlich

The Watergate Scandal

Two reporters from a Washington newspaper proved that a burglary into the Watergate building was part of a big "dirty tricks campaign" to re-elect President Nixon. Nixon had to resign in August 1974.

to prove: beweisen
burglary: Einbruch
to resign: zurücktreten



The First Man on the Moon

Astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon only 63 years after the historic first flight of the Wright Brothers. His space-craft was Apollo 11. His companions were Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. His first words on the moon were "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind".

step: Schritt
giant: riesig
leap: Sprung

The Collapse of Communism

When communism collapsed in 1989, America became the world's only true superpower. The "Cold War" was over and a new, highly unstable period in world's history had begun.

to collapse: einstürzen
unstable: unsicher



Translate:

1. Der Präsident wurde erschossen, als er Dallas besuchte.

2. Es gab keine Verbindung zu einer größeren Verschwörung.

3. Der Vietnamkrieg dauerte acht Jahre.
4. Der Präsident musste zurücktreten.
5. Wer war der zweite Mann auf dem Mond?
6. Der Krieg war vorüber.
7. Amerika wurde die einzige Supermacht.