Study Aid:

Great Society Legislation

24th Amendment

1964

Banned poll taxes in federal elections.

Civil Rights Act of 1964

1964

Banned
discrimination
and segregation
in schools, the
workplace, and
public
accommodations
based on race,
color, sex,
religion, and
national origin.

Urban Mass Transportation Act

1964

Provided financial aid for urban mass transit systems.

Economic Opportunity Act

1964

Authorized Head
Start, Job Corps,
Work-Study
programs,
Volunteers in
Service to
America (VISTA),
Neighborhood
Youth Corps, and
Community
Action Programs
(CAPS).

Food Stamp

1964

Strengthened the agricultural economy and provided an improved level of nutrition to low income families.

1965

Higher Education &ct

Provided federal scholarships, low-interest loans, and financial aid.

1965 Immigration

and Nationality Act

Abolished the National Origins Formula that gave preferential status to immigrants from Northern Europe. Allowed equal immigration status, yet continued to restrict the number of immigrants per

year.

Voting Rights Act

1965

Enacted to guarantee enforcement of the 14th and 15th Amendments by eliminating voter literacy tests and discriminatory practices that kept minority populations from voting.

1965

Social Security Acts

Established
Medicare, a
health
insurance plan
for people 65
and older, and
Medicaid, a
health
insurance plan
for the poor.

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Wilderness Preservation Act Banned

Banned commercial use in over nine million acres of national forest.

1965

Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Provided equal access, high standards, and accountability for primary and secondary education.

1965

Department
of Housing
and Urban
Development
Act

Administered federal housing programs, commonly referred to as "HUD."

1966

Demonstration
Cities and
Metropolitan
Development
Act

Enacted the "Model Cities" program to rehabilitate urban areas facing increased violence and poverty through the funding of improvement projects.

1966

Truth in
Packaging Act
Set standards for
labeling consumer
products.

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