

**HISTORICAL ANALYSIS – *Continuity and Change Over Time Thematic Review... 1945–1980***

**Six Degrees of Separation**

**“I read somewhere that everybody on this planet is separated by only six other people.  
Six degrees of separation between us and everyone else on this planet....  
I am bound to everyone on this planet by a trail of six people.”**

John Guare's Screenplay for *Six Degrees of Separation*, 1993

**Step 1: Choose one of your MAGPIES themes to analyze continuity and change over time from 1945-1980, then select 6 individuals from the list below. Place them in chronological order and briefly explain how each one connects to another.**

Harry Truman	Dwight Eisenhower	John F. Kennedy	Lyndon B. Johnson	Richard Nixon	Gerald Ford	Jimmy Carter
Henry Kissinger	Joseph McCarthy	Phyllis Schlafly	Gloria Steinem	Betty Friedan	Cesar Chavez	Martin Luther King, Jr.
Malcolm X	Bobby Seale	Ethel and Julius Rosenberg	Thurgood Marshall	Rosa Parks	Dolores Huerta	Earl Warren
Warren Burger	James Meredith	Barry Goldwater	George Wallace	Dennis Banks	Richard Aoki	Tom Hayden

1. _____		_____
2. _____		_____
3. _____		_____
4. _____		_____
5. _____		_____
6. _____		_____

**Extension:**

Create two more chronological lists using all the terms listed. For one, organize items under the theme “Politics and Power,” and for the other organize terms under the theme “American Identity.” Some items will fit in both themes. *Explain how* each connects to the next, and then summarize the overall historical significance of each list.

### Six Degrees of Separation Continued

Step 5: Explain how one item on your Six Degrees thread in Step 1 connects to *you* in Six Degrees. Include one person from Step 4. Write in complete sentences.



Step 4: List two people in modern times that connect to the “Big Picture” theme of your Six Degrees of Separation.

- 1.
- 2.

Step 3: Explain the thematic significance of your Six Degrees of Separation from Step 1. How does your thread represent your “Big Picture” theme? Write in complete sentences.

Six Degrees  
“Big Picture”

Step 2:  
Identify the  
“big picture”  
theme for your  
Six Degrees.