

Why was the 1960s an important decade?

Part 1: Europe and the Wider World

Theme 1: The Space Race

The 1960s was an important decade because the Space Race happened.

Theme 2: The civil rights movement

The 1960s was an important decade because there was progress in civil rights for black Americans.

Theme 3: Women’s liberation movement

The 1960s was an important decade because it saw the emergence of the women’s
liberation movement in the United States of America.

Part 2: Ireland

Theme 1: Economic progress

The 1960s was an important decade in Ireland as it was a time of rapid economic growth.

Theme 2: Education

The 1960s was an important decade in Ireland because of developments in education.

Theme 3: Social change

The 1960s was an important decade in Ireland because it was a time of social progress.