

THE VIETNAM WAR

The Vietnam War was a Cold War-era proxy war that occurred in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia from December 1956 to the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. This war was fought between North Vietnam—supported by the Soviet Union, China and other communist allies—and the government of South Vietnam—supported by the United States and other anti-communist countries.

THE FIRST INDOCHINA WAR – THE ORIGINS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

1. Who was **HO CHI MINH**?

2. What was Ho Chi Minh's vision?



3. Why did the United States get involved?

4. Who won the Vietnam War and how do you know based on this article?



PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON AND VIETNAM

1. Why didn't President Johnson want to initially intervene in Vietnam?

2. Describe the Gulf of Tonkin Incident.



3. What was the **GULF OF TONKIN RESOLUTION**?

4. Describe Operation Rolling Thunder.

THE TET OFFENSIVE

1. What is Tet?

2. What was the North Vietnamese Army hoping to accomplish with the Tet Offensive?

3. How did the Tet Offensive impact American support for the war?

PRESIDENT NIXON AND VIETNAM

1. What is **VIETNAMIZATION**?

2. What are the Paris Peace Accords?

3. **THE KENT STATE MASSACRE:**

a. What were the students at Kent State protesting? Be Specific.

b. What happened on May 4, 1970?

c. How did students around the country respond to the events at Kent State University?



THE IMPACT OF THE VIETNAM WAR

- **AGENT ORANGE**

a. What is Agent Orange?



b. What are some of the long-term effects of exposure to Agent Orange?

- **THE MY LAI MASSACRE**

a. Why were American soldiers in the village of My Lai?

b. What happened in the village on March 16?



- **THE POLITICAL IMPACT OF VIETNAM**

a. Describe three ways the Vietnam War impacted America politically.

- i. _____

- ii. _____

- iii. _____

- **VETERANS COME HOME**

a. Identify at least FIVE ways Vietnam Veterans have struggled in the years since returning home:

- i. _____

- ii. _____

- iii. _____

- iv. _____

- v. _____



In the space provided below **describe the Vietnam War, the Tonkin Resolution and the Tet Offensive** (AKS 49). Use complete sentences and detail from the Vietnam War stations to support your response.
