History of the Vietnam War

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Go to:
https://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/vietnam-war-history

As you complete the reading, answer the questions in the space provided.

1. How many people were killed in the Vietnam War? How many of them were Americans? How many were Vietnamese civilians?

Roots of the Vietnam War

2. During WWII, which country invaded Vietnam?

3. Ho Chi Minh and Bao Dai were the leaders of the two factions within Vietnam. How were they similar? How were they different?

When did the Vietnam War Start?

4. What created an official split between North and South Vietnam?

5. Who came to power in South Vietnam in 1955?

The Viet Cong

6. In 1955, which American president pledged support for Diem and South Vietnam?

7. Under Diem's rule, what happened to the Vietnamese communists (aka Viet Cong)?

8. What was the National Liberation Front (NLF)?

Domino Theory

9. How did the Domino Theory play a role in influencing JFK to send more military aid to South Vietnam?

Gulf of Tonkin

10. What happened to Diem in 1963?

11. What did the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution do?

12. In what year was the decision made to commit American combat troops to Vietnam? Who was the American president?

William Westmoreland

13. What was General Westmoreland's strategy for the Vietnam War?

14. What was the Ho Chi Minh Trail?

Vietnam War Protests

15. By 1967, how many American troops were fighting in Vietnam?

16. Why did many people protest the US involvement in the Vietnam War?

Tet Offensive

17. How did the American public respond to the Tet Offensive?

Vietnamization

18. Explain Nixon's policy of Vietnamization.

My Lai Massacre

19. What was the My Lai Massacre? How did the anti-war movement respond to it?

20. How did the anti-war movement divide Americans?

21. How many Americans were “draft dodgers” during the Vietnam War?

Kent State Shooting

22. What happened at Kent State and Jackson State?

The Pentagon Papers

23. How did the Pentagon Papers impact American support for the war?

When Did the Vietnam War End?

24. Which side ended up controlling all of Vietnam by the mid-1970s?

25. When was the Vietnam Veterans Memorial created?

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