**The War Begins**

**Origins of the Conflict**

* The Vietnam War was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the United States ever fought. Americans were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the Nation’s involvement.
* The causes of the war go back into Vietnam’s history. Vietnam is a tiny land in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stretching, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_miles along the South China Sea.
* France seized Vietnam and ruled it for nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_ years as part of the colony of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* During WWII, French rule was interrupted when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ occupied Vietnam.

Declaring Independence

* After the Japanese surrender, some Vietnamese saw this as an opportunity to free themselves from French colonial rule. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a communist, organized a revolt.
* Americans were suspicious of Ho Chi Minh because he was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He occupied North Vietnam and declared Vietnam Independent.

The First Indochina War

* The French refused to accept this independence and the two sides were soon at war. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supported the France by giving them large sums of money. They hoped to stop the spread of communism.
* The fighting continued for \_\_\_\_\_ years. France eventually surrenders in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and French control over the country had ended.

**The War Spreads**

* After WWII, the U.S saw the Soviet Union and communism as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to world peace. Adding to their fears, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came under communist rule in 1949.
* The Korean War began when Communist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Korea attacked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Korea.
* U.S. political leaders feared believed the **Domino Theory:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* The U.S. hoped that stopping communism in Vietnam would prevent a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Vietnam Divided

* After the French defeat, a conference in Switzerland divided Vietnam into \_\_\_ states. North Vietnam under communist rule and South Vietnam governed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The U.S. pledged to support the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or fighters who carry out hit-and-run attacks rages a campaign of terror against villages controlled by Diem officials. These fighters were supplied by the North Vietnamese and were called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The American Role Deepens

* South Vietnam’s government was becoming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ due to the president imprisoning people who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his politics. U.S. leaders feared that his actions were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ support for the Vietcong.
* In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, President Kennedy withdrew his support from Diem and Diem was later assassinated by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**American Involvement Grows**

**A Wider War**

* After President Kennedy’s assignation, President Johnson tried to continue the policies in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Growing American Involvement

* After the fall of Diem, South Vietnam became increasingly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The South Vietnamese military rapidly lost ground to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* President Jonson promised, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”. He increased \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ aid and military advisors to the South Vietnamese government.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supported the Vietcong with arms and supplies

The Gulf of Tonkin Incident

* In August of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, reports said that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnamese torpedo boats had attacked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin. Details were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the second attack may have not taken place at all.
* President Johnson was determined to act and he announced that the U.S. forces would strike \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He began to escalate, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, U.S involvement in the Vietnam Way.

**An Unconventional War**

* The Vietnam War was different from many other wars the United States had fought before. Under the Constitution, only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can declare war. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gave the president the authority to take military action. Many would later question if this was legal.

A Massive Buildup

* Early in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attacked an American base in South Vietnam. Johnson responded by a series of air strikes against North Vietnam. This would last for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.
* U.S leaders soon realized the need to make plans for an increases commitment of U.S. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Within six weeks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Americans arrived in Vietnam. In 1968, that number would reach\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Search and Destroy

* With the aid of American troops, South Vietnam was able to stabilize and concentrate on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* American soldiers used napalm,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Agent Orange as chemical weapons. Agent Orange destroyed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and vegetation. Critics blamed birth defects and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the substance.
* The Vietcong had the advantage of being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the swamps and jungles. Americans were unprepared for this typed of warfare. Many could not distinguish between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Americans used search-and–destroy missions to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Tet Offensive

* On January 31, 1968 the Vietnamese began celebrating\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Using the celebrations as a cover \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnamese launched an attack. In Saigon, the broke through the walls of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and attacked the presidential palace.
* Americans and South Vietnamese forces fought back and by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the siege was over.
* The Tet offense was a major turning point because many Americans were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the enemy was capable of such an attack. More and more Americans argued that the U.S should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Vietnam because they could never win the war.

**A Nation Divided**

* As the war dragged, Americans become divided. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supported the war in Vietnam and wanted and the Doves believed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* During the Vietnam Way, 1.8 million men were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As opposition to the war rose, so did the resistance to the draft. Some were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, people who refuse to participate in was because of a strong belief that war is wrong. 100,000 Americans fled to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to avoid the war.
* Anti-war \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spread across the nation. As the war escalated so did the protests. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confrontations with police became common.
* Television brought the sights and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of battle to American livings. These images shocked and sickened views. On theory is that this horror on TV helped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The War Ends**

**Election of 1968**

* President Johnson did not seek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Democratic candidate for the Election of 1968 was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Republican candidate was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ won by a small margin. He promised “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” Vietnam.

**The War Winds Down**

* Nixon looked for a way to get out of Vietnam and still keep his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of “peach and honor”.

Nixon Pursues a New Course

* Nixon’s new policy known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gradually withdrew American troops from Vietnam and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnamese took responsibility for fighting the war.
* In 1969, Nixon expanded the war into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because North Vietnamese soldiers were using routes through this country to bring weapons into South Vietnam. Nixon hoped that this would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a military threat and pressure North Vietnam to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These attacks had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ effect. And led to chaos and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Cambodia.

A New Round of Protests

* The attacks on Cambodia triggered a new storm of protests in U.S. Several anti-war demonstrations ended in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In Ohio, where National Guardsman opened fire on a crowd, leaving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A similar incident happened in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Quest for Peace

* Peace talks between the U.S. and North Vietnam dragged on in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For \_\_\_\_ years, neither side would budge. The U.S. wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and North Vietnam insisted on a withdrawal of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Vietnam. They also wanted a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ representative in the South Vietnam government.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_were signed on January 27, 1973. The last U.S. American troops were out of Vietnam by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The war was finally over.

**The Final Years of Conflict**

* The struggle between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam wend on for two more years. Once Americans were gone, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ set out to seize control the country.
* In 1974, the North Vietnamese launched a series of attacks against the South and forced the South Vietnamese troops to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Much of the South Vietnamese army was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and other soldiers fled. This became known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* By April 29, 1975 the North Vietnamese forces were nearing the capital and the U.S had to evacuate 1,000 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and South Vietnamese supporters.
* On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, North Vietnamese troops entered Saigon and the South Vietnamese government formally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Vietnam was united under a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Vietnam Balance Sheet**

* Vietnam War was the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ war in which American forces suffered a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Effect on the United States

* More than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Americans died in combat and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were wounded. The war cost the U.S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and damaged the economy for years.
* Vietnam Veterans were not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ home and many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ poorly.
* In 1971, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were released and showed that government officials had concealed actions and misled Americans during the war.
* Congress passed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1973. This act declared that a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could not send\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forces into action for longer than \_\_\_\_ days without Congresses approval.

Remembering the Vietnam War

* In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Vietnam Veterans memorial was completed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Effect on Vietnam

* South Vietnamese battle deaths exceeded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and North Vietnamese losses range between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The bombings destroyed much of North Vietnam’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were left homeless.
* People who attempted to escape the new regime in small boats were called\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.