

## The Vietnam Conflict

**Directions:** Answer the following questions while watching the video. They should be in the same order as they appear in the video. If you should miss any of the answers, you are responsible for looking up the material. The video will be on blackboard.

### Indochina

1. What countries (or regions) made up French Indochina?
2. Who is Ho Chi Minh, and why was he important?
3. Who were the Viet Minh? What role did they play?
4. Following WWII, what was the Western reaction to Vietnamese requests for recognition and why?
5. How and why did the US become involved in the First Indochina War?
6. Who supported the Viet Minh in their war against the French?
7. What were the requirements of the Geneva Accords (Be Specific!)?

### Two Vietnams

8. What Eisenhower's Domino Principle warn?
9. How did the US support the new government of South Vietnam?
10. List two actions Diem took that made the South Vietnamese turn against him, his government, and their allies.
11. What were the communist forces in South Vietnam called?

### Quagmire

12. Kennedy refused to send troops to Vietnam following his election. How did he support the South Vietnamese government?
13. Why were the Viet Cong able to get an advantage over a technologically superior South Vietnamese/American backed army?
14. What role did religion play in the dislike of Diem? (Hint, think about what religion he was, and what the majority of Vietnamese were)

### America's War

15. What was the American taxpayer contribution per day to the Vietnam Conflict in 1964?
16. What was the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, and what role did it play in escalating the American involvement in Vietnam?

17. What was the tactic used in Operation Rolling Thunder?
18. When were the first American combat troops committed to Vietnam?

### **In Country**

19. Who was the American commanding general in Vietnam?
20. What tactics did the North Vietnamese Army use to prevent large scale defeat?
21. What was Agent Orange, and what long lasting consequences did it have?
22. What is the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and why was it important?

### **TET 1968**

23. Why was the TET Offensive considered a major turning point in the Vietnam War?
24. How did the media portray the TET Offensive?
25. How did Johnson respond to the shift of American opinion towards the war?
26. What happened in the city of Chicago during the 1968 Democratic Convention?

### **Peace With Honor**

27. What was the term used to describe Nixon's plan for pulling out of Vietnam? What did it mean?
28. Describe the events at Kent State.
29. When does the cease-fire officially begin in Vietnam?

### **Fall of Saigon**

30. Why was the US unable to live up to Nixon's promise to defend South Vietnam if the North attacked following the cease-fire?
31. What did the Communist leaders plan to do when they realized the US was in turmoil politically?
32. What was the last major city to fall to Communist forces in South Vietnam in 1975?

### **Ghosts of Vietnam**

33. What were the long lasting effects of the war on many veterans?
34. What were the long lasting effects of the war on Indochina?