

8.11 Guided Lecture Notes

Vietnam

Road to War: Truman Era

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ against the French in an attempt to gain independence and \_\_\_\_\_.

Road to War: Eisenhower Era

- U.S. supports French
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Geneva Conference
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ the rest would follow
- \_\_\_\_\_ (SEATO): An international organization for defense against Communism in Southeast Asia

Road to War: Kennedy Era

- The Communist North led by \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Pro-west, Anti-communist
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- US learns of a \_\_\_\_\_
- Help stage a military coup
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Vietcong - \_\_\_\_\_

Road to War: Johnson Era

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_
- Essentially gives \_\_\_\_\_.

Methods of War

<p>Vietcong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____</li> <li>• _____</li> <li>• Guerrilla tactics</li> <li>• _____</li> <li>• Ho Chi minh _____</li> </ul>	<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• " _____ " missions: Sending out troops _____ or NVA units in the countryside.</li> <li>• Agent Orange</li> <li>• Napalm</li> </ul>
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Agent Orange

- Agent Orange: An \_\_\_\_\_
- About \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.8 million people exposed
- Over \_\_\_\_\_

Napalm

- A \_\_\_\_\_ the VietCong into the open.
- Made to \_\_\_\_\_ air

The iconic photo taken in Trang Bang by AP photographer Nick Ut shows 9-year-old Kim Phuc running naked on a road after being severely burned by a South Vietnamese napalm attack.

Tet Offensive

- Tet Offensive: \_\_\_\_\_ centers \_\_\_\_\_ (Holiday)
- " \_\_\_\_\_ ": Public suspicion that there was a significant "gap" between the Johnson administration's declarations of military \_\_\_\_\_.

Vietnam in your Living Room

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Up until this time, the war had \_\_\_\_\_
- Journalists followed the military into combat and \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Interviewed soldiers \_\_\_\_\_

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost Middle America." -Lyndon B. Johnson</li> </ul>	<p>"To say that we are closer to victory today is to believe, in the face of the evidence, the optimists who have been wrong in the past. To say that we are mired in a bloody stalemate seems the only realistic, yet unsatisfactory conclusion"</p> <p>-Walter Cronkite</p>
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American boys playing soldier

The Faces of War

"Hey, hey LBJ, how many kids did you kill today?"

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Young men, eager to avoid the draft, escaped to Canada, feigned homosexuality, had "hunting accidents" or blatantly burned their draft cards.

Average Age of WWII Soldier: \_\_\_\_\_  
Average Age of Vietnam Soldier: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Magazine – One Week’s Dead (1968)  
Protest and the Vietnam- Hawks and Doves

<p>Hawks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pro-war</li><li>• Mostly _____</li><li>• Believed America had both a _____ obligation _____.</li><li>• Believed America could win the war, but _____.</li></ul>	<p>Doves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anti-war</li><li>• Mostly _____</li><li>• Believed in a peaceful solution to the conflict</li><li>• Did not see a positive ending to the war</li></ul>
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Protest Music

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Blowin’ In the Wind, Bob Dylan*
  - *A Change Is Gonna Come*
  - *The Times They Are A Changin’*
- \_\_\_\_\_ for young people led to an \_\_\_\_\_.

Ending the War in Vietnam

The Unwinnable War

My Lai Massacre

- U.S. military intelligence believed that one of the Vietcong battalions \_\_\_\_\_ was taking \_\_\_\_\_.
- My Lai Massacre (1968): \_\_\_\_\_, children, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Initially reported as a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Only 22 civilian casualties initially reported

Vietnam Veterans Against the War

- In \_\_\_\_\_
- John Kerry (Representative of VVAW) spoke on the \_\_\_\_\_, based on Vietnam veterans' personal experiences.

*"How do you ask a man to be the last man to die in Vietnam? How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?"*

- Richard Nixon is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Vietnamization: The U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ against North Vietnam and the Vietcong.

Nixon Doctrine

*"The United States will assist in the defense and developments of allies and friends... [but will not] undertake all the defense of the free nations of the world."*

-Richard Nixon, 1969

- Nixon Doctrine: The U.S. now \_\_\_\_\_.

Invasion of Cambodia

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - Looking to root out VietCong hiding there, e.g. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Looking to \_\_\_\_\_
- Led to a \_\_\_\_\_.

America Attacks its Own

- On \_\_\_\_\_ of the invasion of Cambodia at \_\_\_\_\_ university.
- The \_\_\_\_\_, causing more than \_\_\_\_\_.

Pentagon papers

- The \_\_\_\_\_ in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967 that was \_\_\_\_\_ by Daniel Ellsberg.
  - \_\_\_\_\_, not only to the \_\_\_\_\_, about the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Similar to: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- The federal government \_\_\_\_\_.

Ending the War

- \_\_\_\_\_: Allows the President \_\_\_\_\_ of Congress or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Forbids armed forces from remaining for \_\_\_\_\_ an authorization by Congress or a declaration of war.
- \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_.

Rock the Vote

*"Old enough to fight, old enough to vote!"*