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**American History**

***Vietnam War Webquest: 1956-1975***

**Begin by typing in the following web address:** [**http://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/exhibition/flash.html**](http://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/exhibition/flash.html)

**Click on Vietnam War 1956-1975 on the timeline**

1. What President sent the first military advisors into South Vietnam?

2. What President expanded the conflict in 1964?

**Click on BEGIN**

3. About how many United States soldiers served in the Vietnam War?

4. About how many United States soldiers died in the Vietnam War?

**Click on TRANSCRIPT**

5. What country did the Vietnamese Communists fight to gain independence by 1954?

6. How was the country of Vietnam divided in 1954?

7. How did television coverage impact the Vietnam War?

8. Where was the Vietnam War expanded to by President Nixon?

9. What year did American troops withdraw from South Vietnam?

10. What year was South Vietnam taken over by the communist forces of North Vietnam?

**Click on ENTER THE EXHIBIT, then click on THE FIRST STEPS**

11. Why was the United States opposed to Ho Chi Minh?

12. What was wrong with South Vietnam’s government?

**Click on 7TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP AIRBORNE GREEN BERET**

13. List three unique military jobs that the Green Berets do:

**Click on ESCALATION**

14. By 1968 why did some Americans start questioning America’s role in the war?

**Click on “WHEN WILL IT EVER END?”**

15. What happened at Kent State on May 4, 1970?

16. What did colleges and universities across America do after Kent State?

17. List at least two ways some American soldiers “protested” against the Vietnam War?

**Click on KENT STATE RIFLE**

18. How many students were killed or wounded at Kent State?

19. Were all the students at Kent State involved in the protests?

**Click on AN AIRMOBILE WAR**

20. Where did the United States do most of its fighting; North or South Vietnam?

21. List three types of terrain that South Vietnam had:

22. List at least three types of “jobs” helicopters did in the Vietnam War?

23. Explain the strategy of attrition:

24. What were Bell UH-1 helicopters nicknamed during the Vietnam War?

25. How many wounded soldiers were evacuated by helicopters during the war?

26. What percent of wounded soldiers were saved when they reached a hospital by helicopter?

**Click on GRUNTS**

27. Who were “grunts”?

28. List three problems infantry soldiers faced with their equipment in the Vietnam War:

29. List three things American soldiers liked having in the Vietnam War:

**Click on VIETNAM ERA FLOP HAT**

30. What was the cotton flop hat nicknamed? Why?

**Click on the M16 A1 AUTOMATIC RIFLE**

31. What year did the U.S. Army adopt the M-16 as its official rifle?

**Click on ENEMY SOLIDERS**

32. What two countries supplied the North Vietnam Army and the Viet Cong with weapons?

33. What kinds of homemade weapons did the communist forces use in Vietnam?

**Click on VIET CONG UNIFORM**

34. Describe what the Viet Cong uniform looked like?

35. Who could be members of the Viet Cong?

36. Who controlled or ordered the Viet Cong in combat?

**Click on AK-47 AUTOMATIC RIFLE**

37. Who created or invented the AK-47?

**Click on AMERICAN POWS IN VIETNAM**

38. How were American prisoners treated by North Vietnam?

39. How did American prisoners talk to one another in isolation?

**Click on HANOI HILTON PAJAMAS**

40. In what countries were Americans held as prisoners during the Vietnam War?

41. What was the Hoa Lo Prison nicknamed by Americans?

**Click on POWS IN THE PUBLIC EYE**

42. How many Americans were taken prisoner during the Vietnam War?

43. How did North Vietnam use POWS for propaganda?

44. How many American POWs returned home at the end of the Vietnam War?

**Click on THE WALL**

45. Where is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located? What year did it open?

46. What does the Vietnam Veterans Memorial allow many Americans to do?