

Americans 30.1: Moving Toward Conflict

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. How many American and Vietnamese lives would the Vietnam War eventually claim?
2. What three countries made up French Indochina?
3. What civil liberties did the French deny the Vietnamese?
4. Who created the Indochinese Communist Party and orchestrated Vietnam's independence movement?
5. Who took control of Vietnam in 1940?
6. What organization did Ho Chi Minh found?
7. Explain domino theory.
8. Where and when did the Vietminh defeat the French?
9. Where did the Geneva Accords divide Vietnam?
10. Who was South Vietnam's president in the late 1950s? Why was his government unpopular?
11. What was the Communist opposition group in South Vietnam called? What was the name for the political arm of this organization?
12. How did North Vietnam keep the Vietcong supplied?
13. Why did Buddhist monks and nuns publicly burn themselves to death?
14. What happened to Diem in November 1963? Who else shared this same fate that month?

15. What gave LBJ broad military powers to wage war in Vietnam? What events led to its passage in Congress?

16. What was Operation Rolling Thunder?

17. How many American troops were eventually in Vietnam?

Americans 30.2: US Involvement and Escalation

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18. Who was LBJ's Secretary of Defense? ... Secretary of State?

19. How was LBJ's decision to send troops to Vietnam a contradiction to his position during the 1964 election?

20. Who was the American commander in South Vietnam?

21. What was the formal name for South Vietnamese forces?

22. What turned the Vietnam War into a frustrating stalemate?

23. What helped the Vietcong withstand airstrikes and launch surprise attacks?

24. What was Westmoreland's strategy for defeating the Vietcong? How did this strategy turn out to be a miscalculation?

25. What devastating substances did US planes drop in their attempts to expose Vietcong tunnels and hideouts?

26. What did US troops do during search-and-destroy missions, and what was the effect of this on the Vietnamese population?

27. What harmful behaviors did American soldiers exhibit as their morale dropped?

28. How did South Vietnamese leader Nguyen Cao Ky confuse and anger US officials?

29. What became a casualty of LBJ's request for a tax hike to pay for the cost of the Vietnam War?

30. What led to the credibility gap?

Americans 30.3: A Nation Divided

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31. How did Stephen Gubar serve during the Vietnam War?

32. What was one of the most common ways to avoid the draft?

33. How did Vietnam casualties reflect American racial problems?

34. What roles did women fill during the Vietnam War?

35. How did the New Left differ from the Old Left?

36. What New Left organization did Tom Hayden and Al Haber found, and what did it call for?

37. What started at Berkeley in 1964?

38. After the Johnson Administration changed the rules for college deferments, what did SDS encourage students to do?

39. Why did the youth oppose the war?

40. What slogans did antiwar protestors in New York in 1967 shout?

41. Where did antiwar protestors clash with military police in October 1967?

42. What were antiwar Americans called? What were prowar Americans called?

43. Who left the Johnson Administration in late 1967?

44. What event sent John Lewis to the floor in tears?
45. What offensive military campaign did the Vietcong launch on January 30, 1968? Why did it come as such a surprise?
46. How did this campaign change American perceptions of the war?
47. What was the new Defense Secretary Clark Clifford's conclusion regarding the war?
48. Who became the Democratic Party's antiwar challenger for the presidency in November 1967?
49. Who entered the presidential primary race in March 1968?
50. What did LBJ announce on March 31, 1968 regarding Vietnam?
51. What shocking news did LBJ deliver at the end of his March 31, 1968 televised address?
52. Which two prominent leaders were assassinated in 1968?
53. What problem plagued the nation's universities in 1968?
54. What was happening in Chicago as the Democratic Party was selecting Hubert Humphrey to be its presidential candidate?
55. How did the events of the 1968 Chicago convention change perceptions of the Democratic Party? Who benefited from these events?
56. What two promises did Nixon make in his campaign?
57. Who ran a third-party campaign and what was his agenda?

58. How much longer did the Vietnam War last, and how many more Americans died after Nixon promised to end the war in 1968?

59. Who was Nixon's National Security Advisor?

60. What was Vietnamization?

61. What did Nixon and Kissinger mean by "peace with honor"?

62. How did Nixon expand the Vietnam War even while beginning to pull troops out? What did he call this theory?

63. Who was Nixon talking about when he spoke about the silent majority?

64. What happened at My Lai on March 16, 1968? What order did soldiers receive?

65. What controversial act did the US take in April 1970? How did the nation respond?

66. What happened at Kent State University and Jackson State University in May 1970? What unpleasant truths did these events reveal?

67. Who were the hardhats and what did they believe?

68. How did Congress respond to Nixon's bombing and invasion of Cambodia?

69. What did the Pentagon Papers reveal and who leaked them?

70. How did Nixon respond to the North Vietnamese offensive of March 1972?

71. What did Kissinger announce in October 1972?

72. What concession did North Vietnam win in the peace agreement signed in 1973?

73. What happened April 30, 1975?

74. How were returning American service members treated?

75. What did the US government do to honor the men and women who served in Vietnam?

76. How did the victorious North Vietnamese Communists treat defeated South Vietnam?

77. Who were the boat people?

78. What happened in Cambodia after the US destabilized that country? Who led the Khmer Rouge and how many died as a result of their rule?

79. What major US policy changes resulted from the war?

80. What is the Vietnam syndrome?

81. How did the Vietnam War experience change Americans' attitudes about their government?