

# American History Honors: The Vietnam Experience

## Class Instructions:

In the lab today, each team will review a different topic related to the Vietnam War. You must follow all instructions below and be ready to discuss your topic at our next class meeting.

### Team 1: General Timeline of the War in Vietnam

- Your team's assignment is to create a simple timeline of the war in Vietnam from the beginning of the conflict in French Indochina in 1954, through U.S. involvement to the final end with the Fall of Saigon in 1975.
- As you complete your work, be able to provide assistance to **Team 3**.
- Create a presentation, Prezi or some other visual aid to be shown in class tomorrow. **It must be uploaded to the class wiki today.**

### Team 2: Understanding why the United States became involved

- Your task is to provide evidence as to how and why the United States became involved in the war in Vietnam
- Some ideas to consider:
  - What is the main justification for our involvement?
  - How did Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson respond to the growing conflict in Vietnam?
  - Why did Nixon not simply withdraw us from the war? What did he mean by "peace with honor"?
  - Why was this war so controversial?
- You must provide primary source evidence to accomplish this task: document excerpts, speeches, video clips, etc.
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### Team 3: Map of U.S. Involvement in the War in Vietnam

- Create a map of the major battles and campaigns in which the United States was involved in the Vietnam War using Google Maps
- You may use the information in your textbook and/or consult **Team 1** for information
- Your map must have adequate information in the placemarks (see instructions)
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### Team 4: Map of Protests to the Vietnam War

- Create a map of protests to the Vietnam War and other related protests in the United States.
- Use the information in the textbook to find the major protest movements
- Your map must have adequate information in the placemarks (see instructions)
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**Teams 5 & 6: Political, Social and Economic Effects**

- **TEAM 5:** Your job is to provide overall analysis as to the effects of the Vietnam War on the country as a whole. Be able to answer the following questions:
  - What role did the media play?
  - How was the Civil Rights movement affected by the Vietnam experience?
  - What other social movements or protests were spurred during this era?
  - What was the “Hippie” or countercultural movement?
  - What were the economic effects of this war?
  - What did this war, and the protests, do to American influence in the world?
  - Can this experience be considered a major turning point in American History?
  - **Prepare a brief set of notes to discuss with the class tomorrow and upload these notes to the class wiki.**
  - **As you prepare your notes, share your thoughts with Team 6.**
- **TEAM 6:** Using the ideas above, find political cartoons, images and video clips to support the answers to the questions above (i.e. EVIDENCE)
  - **Post what you find to the class wiki or embed them in a presentation that can be uploaded.**