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The Vietnam War Guided Notes "Winning Hearts and Minds"

Years: 1963-1975

* Presidents involved in Vietnam War: Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon

What escalated the war?

- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (1964) ← really got U.S. involved
 - The Tonkin Gulf Resolution gave the President a "BLANK CHECK" to wage the war in Vietnam as he saw fit.
 - LBJ (President Johnson)
 - "any measure necessary" to secure S.E. Asia
- Operation Rolling Thunder (1965)
 - aerial bombardment → Dropped more bombs than all of WWII
- Tet Offensive (1968)
 - Against the U.S. by the Viet Cong
 - Huge military assault by Viet Cong (bad guys)
 - largest number of troops at Vietnam → 500,000 U.S. troops

Why was the U.S. involved in Vietnam? → Created more anti-war sentiment

- Containment (Truman)
 - Keep Communism from Spreading
- Domino Theory (Eisenhower)
 - if one Country falls to Communism, then other Countries will fall
 - Similar to Containment

* Gorilla War → No front line
 ↳ Fought in jungle
 - can't see enemy

Why was there such a big movement against the war in the United States?

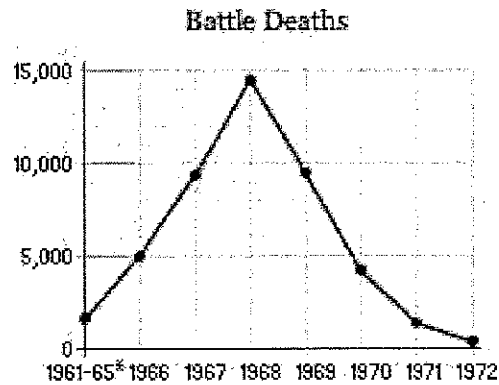
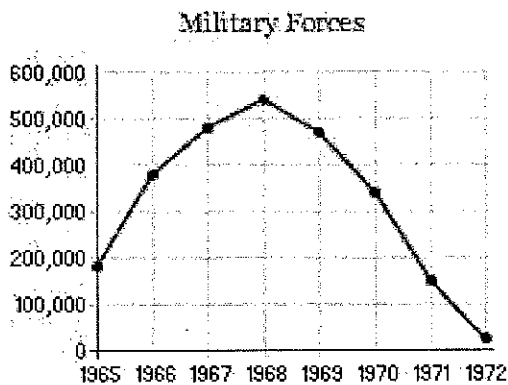
	Teacher Definition	Student Summary
Draft (Conscription)	Men 18-35 yrs. old are called to serve in the army ↳ required to serve and fight	- Used in Civil War, WWI, and WWII - Government called the draft a "Lottery"

- Agent Orange/Napalm
 - Flammable liquid → first used in WWII
↳ Flamethrowers
 - used on people → "sticky fire" → Horrible
- Televised war
 - News anchors in Vietnam showed war on TV
 - Fall of Saigon (1975)
 - Evacuation of U.S. from Capital

The Vietnam War: Military Statistics

U.S. Troop Levels in Vietnam	
1960	900
1961	3,200
1962	11,300
1963	16,300
1964	23,300
1965	184,300
1966	385,300
1967	485,600
1968	536,100
1969	475,200
1970	334,600
1971	156,800
1972	24,200

U.S. Military Forces and Battle Deaths in Vietnam, 1965-72



* Battle deaths from 1961 through 1965

Questions to Think About

1. When did the American troop commitment increase most rapidly? *1968 → Tet offensive*
2. When did the American troop commitment begin to decline? *After 1968*

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, "Vietnam Conflict—U.S. Military Forces in Vietnam and Casualties Incurred: 1965 to 1972," table 428, *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1973* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Commerce, Social and Economic Statistics Administration, Bureau of the Census, 1973), 267.