

Odysseyware®

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Vietnam Era



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Vietnam Era Course Overview

What comes to mind when you think about the Vietnam Era? For many, that period represents a difficult time in U.S. history. It is defined by an unpopular war that claimed the lives of 58,000 Americans and some 3 million Vietnamese. In this course, you'll look at the history of the Vietnam War. The roots of the conflict stretch further back than you might know. You'll examine why the United States got involved in the conflict and why the United States failed to achieve its objectives.

- **Unit 1:** Students will learn about the history of Vietnam before the war and explain why the United States got involved in Vietnam.
- **Unit 2:** Students will study the growth of U.S. involvement in Vietnam following the 1954 Geneva Accords to the first American combat troops in 1965 after the Gulf of Tonkin incident.
- **Unit 3:** Students will describe fighting techniques and efforts by both the Vietnamese and Americans as well as the U.S. public opinion about the war.
- **Unit 4:** Students will explore the Tet Offensive, Vietnamization, and the end of the war.
- **Unit 5:** Students will identify the outcome of the Vietnam War, examine the 1973 Paris Peace Accords, and explain the impact of the Vietnam War on American foreign policy.

Unit 1: The Origins of U.S. Involvement in Vietnam	
Vietnam Era	Assignments
	1. Course Overview
	2. Vietnam
	3. Early History
	4. French Indochina
	5. Quiz 1: Toward French Colonization
	6. Nationalist Movement
	7. World War II
	8. The French Indochina War
	9. Quiz 2: Vietnamese Nationalism
10. Falling Dominoes	
11. Dien Bien Phu	
12. The Geneva Accords	
13. Essay: The U.S. Policy for Vietnam	
14. Quiz 3: Vietnam and the Cold War	
15. Special Project*	
16. Review	
17. Test	
18. Alternate Test*	
19. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 2: From Military Advisors to Combat Troops	
Vietnam Era	Assignments
	1. Ngo Dinh Diem: The Miracle Man of Asia
	2. The National Liberation Front
	3. The Diem Coup
	4. Quiz 1: Nation-Building in South Vietnam
	5. Lyndon B. Johnson
	6. The Gulf of Tonkin Incident
	7. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
	8. Quiz 2: Aggression on the High Seas
	9. The Air War
10. The Ground War	
11. Introduction to Combat: Chu Lai and Ia Drang	
12. Project: The Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson Administrations	
13. Quiz 3: The U.S. Military Strategy	
14. Special Project*	
15. Review	
16. Test	
17. Alternate Test*	
18. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 3: A Nation Divided By War		
Assignments		
Vietnam Era	1. Vietnamese Soldiers	10. The Governmental Debate
	2. The Ho Chi Minh Trail	11. The Living Room War
	3. Vietcong Tunnels	12. Project: Vietnam Era Songs
	4. Quiz 1: The Vietnamese Effort	13. Quiz 3: American Public Opinion
	5. Tour of Duty	14. Special Project*
	6. Fighting the War	15. Review
	7. Women and the Vietnam War	16. Test
	8. Quiz 2: The American Effort	17. Alternate Test*
	9. The Antiwar Movement	18. Glossary and Credits

Unit 4: Achieving Peace with Honor		
Assignments		
Vietnam Era	1. The Tet Offensive	10. Secret Diplomacy
	2. LBJ Shocks the Nation	11. The Paris Peace Accords
	3. The 1968 Election	12. Essay: Vietnamization
	4. Quiz 1: A Turning Point in the War	13. Quiz 3: The End of the War
	5. Richard Nixon	14. Special Project*
	6. Vietnamization	15. Review
	7. The Invasion of Cambodia	16. Test
	8. Quiz 2: Nixon and the Vietnam War	17. Alternate Test*
	9. Crisis in Morale and Discipline	18. Glossary and Credits

Unit 5: The Legacy of Vietnam		
Assignments		
Vietnam Era	1. Nixon and Watergate	10. U.S.-Vietnamese Relations
	2. Prisoner of War	11. Vietnam Today
	3. The Fall of Saigon	12. Essay: The Vietnam Era
	4. Quiz 1: Aftermath in Asia	13. Quiz 3: Toward Normalization
	5. Vietnam Veterans	14. Special Project*
	6. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial	15. Review
	7. Vietnam Syndrome	16. Test
	8. Quiz 2: Searching for Lessons	17. Alternate Test*
	9. Vietnamese in America	18. Glossary and Credits

Unit 6: Course Review and Exam	
Assignments	
1. Review	3. Alternate Exam*
2. Exam	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment