

Vietnam War

- I. French Indochina (Vietnam)
 - a. Vietnam declared independence from France when World War II ended
 - i. Led by Ho Chi Minh
 - 1. followers called Vietminh
 - b. Battle against French (1946-1954)
 - i. Ho Chi Minh led _____ army
 - ii. French lose at _____
 - iii. French lose Indochina
- II. Vietnam Divided
 - a. _____ (1954)
 - i. Peace treaty between Vietnam and France
 - ii. Divides French Indochina
 - 1. North Vietnam is _____ led by Ho Chi Minh
 - 2. South Vietnam is supported by west, led by _____
 - 3. Laos and Cambodia are made independent countries
 - b. _____
 - i. US fears if one nation goes communist, others would follow
 - ii. US doesn't allow 1956 election because US fears communists will win
 - c. _____
 - i. South Vietnamese communist _____
 - ii. South Vietnamese government ineffective at fighting

American Involvement Grows

- I. Growing American Involvement
 - a. LBJ saw Vietnam as a test of American commitment to stop communism
 - i. Increased money, and military advisers sent to Vietnam
 - b. _____
 - i. North Vietnamese attack USS Maddox in Gulf of Tonkin
 - ii. Attack was reason why LBJ sent more troops to Vietnam

- iii. Attack was never proven
- iv. Gulf of Tonkin Resolution allows president to take any military steps necessary. Escalates the war

II. Unconventional War

- a. US sends increasing numbers of soldiers
 - i. Air campaign focused on bombing used
 - 1. Napalm used to burn down jungles
 - a. Burned people and villages too
 - 2. Agent Orange used to kill trees
 - a. Caused cancer in people
- b. Increasing deaths of American soldiers and reports of atrocities erodes US support for war
 - i. My Lai Massacre
 - 1. US troops killed all members of a village

III. _____ --

- a. Military kept claiming victory and progress in the war
- b. January 30, 1968 – Tet Offensive
 - i. Surprise attack all over South Vietnam by Vietcong
 - ii. Military loss for Vietcong but a _____ victory
- c. Americans didn't believe _____ statements following offensive

IV. Debate over War

- a. 1967 – growing _____, people oppose war
 - i. Use marches, songs
- b. Opposition to _____ (doves)
 - i. Burned draft cards, moved to Canada
 - ii. Opposed mission of the war
- c. Supporters of War (hawks)
 - i. Believed _____ must be stopped
 - ii. _____ killed because of guerilla tactics
- d. US never put full force of military in war