

# Unit 5: The 1960's: Cuba and The Vietnam War

Cuban Missile Crisis	The Gulf of Tonkin	Anti-War Movement	1968: Year of Turmoil	Vietnam's Legacy
Chapter 28:1 (876-884)	Chapter 30:1,2 (936-947)	Chapter 30:3 (948-953)	Chapter 30:4 (954-959)	Chapter 30:5 (960-967)
The Bay of Pigs Invasion	US Before Tonkin	Moratorium Day	Tet Offensive	Domino Theory Justified?
CMC: Three Options	The Attacks?	Vietnam Vets	MLK Assassination	Bombing Redefined
CMC: Khrushchev & Castro	The Resolution	Camden 28	RFK Assassination	Vietnam Casualties
CMC: Diplomacy	1965 Escalation	Chicago DNC Riots	Johnson Leaves	Cambodia Invasion
CMC: How it Ends	War Strategy	Kent State Massacres	Nixon's Vietnam Plan	Veterans Problems
Essential Question	Essential Question	Essential Question	Essential Question	Essential Question
Does the threat of nuclear war still exist today at the same extent as 1962?	Under what circumstances should the president or Congress declare war?	To what extent is it democratic to protest your government during war?	Was the Vietnam War winnable? If so, how? Is not, why not?	What lessons did the US learn or not learn from the Vietnam War?

Identification Terms				
My Lai Massacre	Bay of Pigs Incident	Cuban Missile Crisis	Tet Offensive	John F. Kennedy
Lyndon Johnson	Richard Nixon	Nikita Khrushchev	Gulf of Tonkin Incident	Lee Harvey Oswald
Operation Rolling Thunder	Vietcong	NLF	Robert Kennedy	General Westmoreland
General Maxwell Taylor	Fidel Castro	ICBM's	Ron Kovic	Adlai Stevenson
Moratorium Day	Vietnam Wall	Vietnamization	Kent State Massacre	Silent Majority
SDS	Draft	New Left	Robert McNamara	Agent Orange
Ho Chi Minh	Domino Theory	Dien Bein Phu	Ngo Dinh Diem	Geneva Accords

Website Reviews
1. The Impossible Victory? Vietnam (Zinn) <a href="http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/zinnmvivi18.html">http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/zinnmvivi18.html</a> An anti-war essay on the conflict
2. The Sixties Project <a href="http://www2.iath.virginia.edu/sixties/HTML_docs/Sixties.html">http://www2.iath.virginia.edu/sixties/HTML_docs/Sixties.html</a> Narrative accounts and primary sources from the 1960's
3. The Free Speech Movement <a href="http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/FSM/">http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/FSM/</a> A documentary and video account of the counterculture and anti war voices
4. Battlefield Vietnam <a href="http://www.pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/">http://www.pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/</a> An interactive website and documentary that focuses on soldiers in the war
5. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall <a href="http://thewall-usa.com/">http://thewall-usa.com/</a> The official website to commemorate the fallen US soldiers by Maya Lin in DC
6. Fourteen Days in October <a href="http://library.thinkquest.org/11046/">http://library.thinkquest.org/11046/</a> This is an incredible student-created website on the Cuban Missile Crisis
7. Thirteen Days and History <a href="http://www.cubanmissilecrisis.org/">http://www.cubanmissilecrisis.org/</a> A comprehensive website focusing on the story, sources and lessons of the CMC
8. The Kennedy Assassination <a href="http://mcadams.posc.mu.edu/home.htm">http://mcadams.posc.mu.edu/home.htm</a> One of the most comprehensive sites on the Kennedy Assassination
9. Ron Kovic <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ron_Kovic">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ron_Kovic</a> A biographical account of an American who led the Vietnam Vets against the War
10. The Gulf of Tonkin: 40 Years Later <a href="http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB132/">http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB132/</a> New declassified accounts of flawed intelligence

RAFTS Assignments
1. You are Robert F. Kennedy. In a private conversation with John McCone, describe your plans for Castro's assassination attempts.
2. You are Fidel Castro. Speaking to a group of Cuban soldiers, explain the significance to Cuba and the world of the Bay of Pigs attack.
3. You are Walter Cronkite. For your producer, prepare detailed outlines for 3 stories and interviews from your trip to Vietnam.
4. You are Nikita Khrushchev. Present a visual contingency war plan to your generals if the nuclear crisis provokes a US attack on Cuba.
5. You are Lt. William Calley. Provide an opening statement at your court martial concerning the chronology of events at My Lai.
6. You are Private Ron Kovic. With a loudspeaker, explain to the police why you are leading protests against the draft board in LA.
7. You are General Westmoreland. In a visual presentation, explain to President Johnson a planned bombing raid over Hanoi in 1967.
8. You are Henry Kissinger. In a secret meeting with President Nixon, explain how you think the US can win in and leave from Vietnam.
9. You are President Lyndon B. Johnson. To a high school audience, explain the reasons why America needs youth to fight in Vietnam.
10. You are Che Guevara. Design a pamphlet to be mass produced explaining the reasons to fight American imperialism in the 1960's.

Short Essay Questions
1. Justify President Kennedy's decision during the Cuban Missile Crisis by examining scenarios of his military and diplomatic alternatives.
2. Describe and explain the political and military lessons learned from American intervention in Vietnam. How have they changed policy?
3. To what extent did the anti-war movement affect US foreign policy during the Johnson and Nixon administrations? Explain.
4. Define the relationship between military and political leaders in the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations concerning Vietnam.
5. How did American intervention in Vietnam influence the domestic and foreign policies of Cambodia, China, the USSR, and Europe?
6. Provide a detailed chronology of the US role in the Vietnam War from the perspective of a Northern and Southern Vietnamese peasant .
7. Rewrite a policy speech for President Kennedy justifying American military intervention (air support) in the Bay of Pigs Invasion.
8. Explain the philosophy of revolution advocated by Chè Guevara. Is such a philosophy a threat to American foreign policy? Explain.
9. "All military occupations are failures." - General Douglas MacArthur. Defend or oppose this statement in the context of the Vietnam War.
10. Compare and contrast the Vietnam War and the Iraqi War (invasion and occupation). What similarities and differences exist?