

Ch. 22: The Vietnam War Years

22.1 *Moving Toward Conflict*

1. In 1950, the US began its involvement in the Vietnam struggle. Whom did the US support and what aid did the US provide?
 - a. Why did the US get involved in the struggle?
2. In 1954, the Vietminh overran Dien Bien Phu. What did this Vietminh victory cause the French to do?
3. In 1963, Diem is overthrown. What authority did the **Tonkin Gulf Resolution** grant to the US president?
4. In 1965, Operation Rolling Thunder is launched. What did Operation Rolling Thunder do in North Vietnam?

22.2 *US Involvement and Escalation: US war strategies result in a bloody stalemate.*

5. What military advantages did the Americans have over the Vietcong? What military strategies were used?
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7. Public support for the war begins to waver as the “credibility gap” grows. What role did television play in this change of public support?

22.3 *A Nation Divided: Avoiding and Opposing the War*

8. What were some of the ways that young American men avoided military service in Vietnam?
9. In what sense was the Vietnam War a “working-class” war? How did it become one?
10. What were some of the reasons that “**doves**” opposed war?

Yet... Many were defending the War

11. Why did "hawks" criticize the Johnson administration's policies in Vietnam?

22.4 1968: A Tumultuous Year

The Tet Offensive is considered the major turning point in the war.

12. Describe what the Tet Offensive was, then list its causes and effects

<u>Tet Offensive:</u>	
Causes	Effects

22.5 The End of the War and Its Legacy

15. Why did Nixon adopt the policy of Vietnamization?

16. Why did the first student strike in US history occur during this time?

17. Explain Congress's repeal of the Tonkin Gulf Resolution.

18. Why did South Vietnam surrender to North Vietnam?

19. Analyze why Vietnam veterans received a cold homecoming?

20. Why did many Americans lose faith in their government?

21. Explain the significance of the following key terms... The Silent Majority and the Pentagon Papers.