Vietnam Web Quest

The Vietnam War, while not technically a “war,” was the longest conflict in United States’ history. The conflict took place during the Cold War era, pitting the Communist North Vietnamese against the South Vietnamese, aided by the United States.

This web quest will give you a basic overview of the fighting in Vietnam and the political unrest it created on the home front.

1. What three countries border Vietnam? [maps.google.com]
2. Who controlled Vietnam until 1954? [pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/]
3. In 1956 Vietnam was divided into two countries, North and South Vietnam. Who controlled each country? [vietnamwar.com/]
4. Who was Ho Chi Minh? [dictionary.com]
5. What allegedly happened that led to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, increasing U.S. military involvement in Vietnam? [.infoplease.com/ce6/history]
6. What was the Domino Theory? [hippy.com/php/article-196.html]
7. What was another name for the North Vietnamese Communist soldiers? [pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/guerrilla/index.html]
8. Even though the U.S. troops had superior supplies and weapons, the Vietcong often had an advantage over the U.S. soldiers. Explain why. [www.pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/guerrilla/index]
9. Looking at the pictures from the website, why do you think there was so much opposition to the war in the United States? [hippy.com/php/article-196.html]

10. Describe in a paragraph the experiences of Leroy Quintana, a veteran of Vietnam. [pbs.org/wgbh/amex/vietnam/reflect/quintana.html#b]

11. What is meant in Asia by the word “Tet?” [.familyculture.com/holidays/tet.htm]

12. The Tet Offensive was an aggressive assault by the Vietcong against the U.S. forces in which 40,000 Vietcong were killed and only 1,100 Americans died. On paper, this would appear to be a U.S. victory. Why was it considered the turning point in the war and a setback for the U.S. forces in Vietnam? [.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/VNtet.htm]

13. As President Nixon tried to work out plans for getting U.S. troops out of Vietnam, what did he mean by “Peace with Honor?” [en.allexperts.com/q/U-S-History-672/Peace-honor-1.htm]

14. What year did the last remaining Americans evacuate from Saigon, signaling the end of U.S. involvement in Vietnam? [pbs.org/wgbh/amex/vietnam/timeline/tl3.html#b]

15. What challenges did U.S. soldiers face when they returned home from Vietnam? [capveterans.com/caprd\_004.htm]