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Vietnam War Study Guide

Identify Key Terms:

1. Ho Chi Minh
2. Vietminh
3. domino theory
4. Dien Bien Phu
5. Geneva Accords
6. Ngo Dinh Diem
7. Vietcong
8. Ho Chi Minh Trail
9. Tonkin Gulf Resolution
10. Robert McNamara
11. Napalm
12. Agent Orange
13. Tet Offensive
14. Vietnamization
15. War Powers Act

Moving Toward Conflict

1. Summarize Vietnam's history as a French colony and its struggle for independence.
2. Examine how the US became involved in the Vietnam conflict.
3. Describe the expansion of US military involvement under President Johnson.

US Involvement and Escalation

1. Explain the reasons for the escalation of US involvement in Vietnam.

2. Describe the military tactics and weapons of the Vietcong and the US forces.
3. Explain the impact of the war on American society.

A Nation Divided

1. Explain the draft policies that made the Vietnam War a working-class war.
2. Trace the roots of opposition to the war.
3. Describe the antiwar movement.

1968: A Tumultuous Year

1. Describe the Tet offensive and its effects on American public opinion.
2. Explain the domestic turbulence of 1968.
3. Describe the 1968 Presidential Election.

The End of the War and Its Legacy

1. Describe Nixon's policy of Vietnamization.
2. Explain the public's reaction to the Vietnam War during Nixon's presidency.
3. Trace the end of US involvement and the final outcome in Vietnam.
4. Examine the war's painful legacy in the US and Southeast Asia