

Vietnam Day 1



WARM-UP!!

1. What do you know about the Vietnam war? List as many things as possible-may include books, movies and songs about the war. (2 minutes)
2. Do you think the President should have the power to declare war?
3. Do you trust the U.S. government? Why or why not? Why do you think many people do not?

French Indochina:

- In the late 1800s, **France colonized what is today Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia**, naming it _____ Indochina.
- France surrendered to the Nazis in 1940:
 - a group of Communist rebels rose up in revolution against them in Vietnam.
 - This group was called the _____ and were led by a man named **Ho Chi Minh**.
- In 1954, the Vietminh succeeded in getting the French to retreat from Vietnam and _____ their claims to French Indochina.

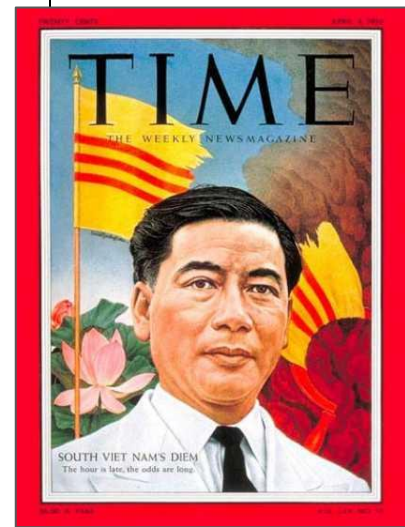


Republic of Vietnam:

- In 1954, France and the Vietminh signed a _____ treaty, the _____ Accords.
 - In the accords, Vietnam was _____ in half, with national elections set for 1956.
 - The US had supported the Viet Minh originally, but now refused to recognize the treaty
 - In the South, the U.S. _____ Ngo Dinh Diem become _____.
 - Diem was a Catholic, Vietnamese man who had gone to college in the U.S. and spoke French and English better than Vietnamese.
 - Diem made many mistakes.
 - In 1956, he announced that the South would _____ be holding the agreed-upon _____.
1. First mistake he had his own _____ which were _____.
 2. Second mistake was a crackdown on the _____ religion,
 - a. leading to infamous self-immolation (setting yourself on fire)
 - i. _____ by Buddhist monks and nuns.



- It became clear to the US that Diem would have to go.
- Nov. 1963-US supported military _____ topples Diem Regime.
- Diem was _____ against Kennedy's wishes
- Kennedy states his intent to _____ from Vietnam
 - Weeks later Kennedy is assassinated.

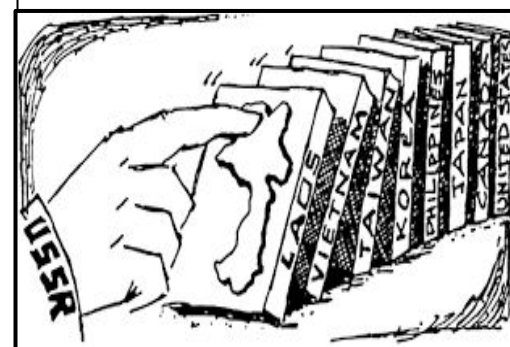


LBJ & Escalation in Vietnam (1963-1968)

- Diem's death brought more chaos
 - Military leaders attempt to take control
 - **Vietcong influence** _____.
- Escalated the nation's role in Vietnam and began what would eventually become America's longest war.
- Increased military support
- Why??....Avoid communist take over.

Domino Theory...

- The U.S. _____ the Viet minh during WWII because they were _____ the Japanese.
- After the war, the U.S. stopped supporting them.
- The reasoning was the Domino Theory: the idea that a small country falling to Communism would lead to other nations falling, like a line of dominoes.



Gulf of Tonkin:

- In 1964, President Johnson gave a speech to the American people in which he claimed that the **North Vietnamese Navy had _____ on two U.S. Navy ships in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of Vietnam.**
- He then used this attack to get Congress to pass the **Tonkin Gulf Resolution**, which gave the President **permission and _____ to do " _____ necessary" to support South Vietnam.**
- *In 2005, declassified documents revealed that the attack was a hoax by the Johnson administration.



Tonkin Gulf Resolution (1964)

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This joint resolution of Congress (H.J. RES 1145) dated August 7, 1964, gave President Lyndon Johnson authority to increase U.S. involvement in the war between North and South Vietnam.

On August 4, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson announced that two days earlier, U.S. ships in the Gulf of Tonkin had been attacked by the North Vietnamese. Johnson dispatched U.S. planes against the attackers and asked Congress to pass a resolution to support his actions. The joint resolution "to promote the maintenance of international peace and security in southeast Asia" passed on August 7, with only two Senators (Wayne Morse and Ernest Gruening) dissenting, and became the subject of great political controversy in the course of the undeclared war that followed.



Vietnam War Background:

- Vietnam was divided at the _____th parallel
- US supports _____ Vietnam
- _____ **China & The Soviet Union** supports the North Vietnam



Fighting Two Enemies:

- ▶ North Vietnamese Army
 - NVA (communist)
 - Official _____ of North Vietnam
 - Viet minh

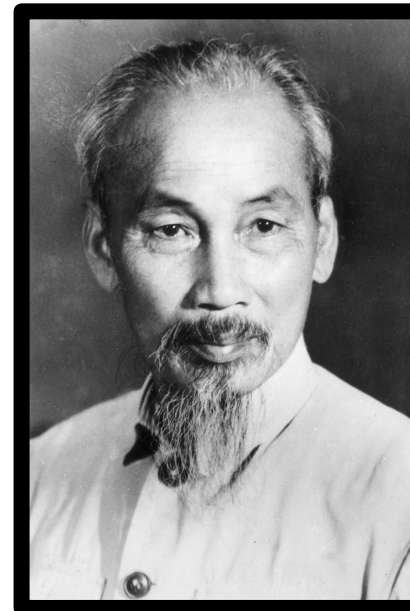


- ▶ _____(supported the North)
- ▶ Army recruited of South Vietnamese villagers
- ▶ _____ warfare (no uniforms)
 - hit and run attacks/ sabotage



Who was this mastermind...Ho Chi Minh

- The _____ of the Viet Minh (North Vietnam Army) was **Ho Chi Minh**.
- He had lived in the U.S., England, the Soviet Union, and China before returning to Vietnam to _____ the resistance against the French and Japanese during World War II.
- He had asked the U.S. multiple times to recognize a democratic republic in Vietnam but was ignored. It was generally agreed that he would have won the 1956 elections if they had been held.



EARLY PROTEST OF DIEM'S GOVERNMENT:

- **Vietcong:** Communist opposition group in south begin _____ on Diem's government in 1957 & protest against his relocation of peasants
- **Ho Chi Minh Trail:** 1959 _____ begins supplying _____ to the Vietcong via a network of trails along the borders of: Laos, Cambodia, & Vietnam
- South Vietnam grows more _____