

**ASSIGNMENT****STAAR® BLITZ: 60s AND VIETNAM ERA  
U.S. HISTORY****Matching** - Select the best answer.

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| _____ 1. Musicians performed to protest the Vietnam War and to spread a message of peace | A. Cesar Chavez         |
| _____ 2. Health care for seniors   | B. Woodstock            |
| _____ 3. Protest over the Vietnam War and credibility gap of government                  | C. Medicare Act of 1965 |
| _____ 4. Conflict to prevent the spread of communism                                     | D. John F. Kennedy      |
| _____ 5. United farm workers to get better labor conditions and pay                      | E. Space Program        |
| _____ 6. Ordered a blockade around Cuba to halt Soviet missile delivery                  | F. Vietnam War          |
| _____ 7. Initiative that helped develop new technology products                          | G. Anti-war movement    |

**Multipart** - Answer the questions below.

This question has two parts.

When the citizens of Saigon prepared for their Lunar New Year — also known as Tet — on Jan. 30, 1968, they cleaned their houses and boiled their celebratory rice cakes. What they didn't know was that a major attack by North Vietnam and the Viet Cong was a few hours away. The violence that ensued would end up being the biggest escalation of the war and would become known as the Tet Offensive. The Tet Offensive was a major factor in the mounting anti-war sentiments felt by most Americans. Until 1968, the war was reported on positively, networks often edited bloody footage to craft and maintain the country's high morale. But this illusion was no longer so easy to uphold, the tragic aftermath of the Tet Offensive was displayed on every television in America.

Adapted from <https://www.coffeeordie.com/vietnam-war>**Part A**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. According to the excerpt, why did this event change Americans' minds about the Vietnam War?
- A. It led to the U.S. military implementing a draft for men 18 and older.
  - B. It caused Americans to lose confidence in their ability to win the war.
  - C. It forced the passage of an amendment to use nuclear weapons.
  - D. It directed military aide to the citizens of Saigon and not U.S. soldiers.

**Part B**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which statement provides evidence for the answer to Part A?
- A. "...citizens of Saigon prepared for Lunar New Year—also known as Tet—..."
  - B. "...major attack by North Vietnam and the Viet Cong was a few hours away..."
  - C. "...The violence that ensued would end up being the biggest escalation of war..."
  - D. "...the tragic aftermath of the Tet Offensive was displayed on every television in America."

**Short Answer** - Answer the following questions.

10. What caused the Cuban Missile Crisis?
11. What was the counterculture movement?
12. Why was the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution seen as controversial?
13. Why was there a large anti-war movement in the U.S. while the Vietnam War was being fought?
14. Compare and contrast the Tonkin Resolution and the War Powers Resolution.
15. Why was Cesar Chavez significant to the Chicano Movement?

**Thinking Box** - Use the information in the thinking box to help answer the following questions.

16. What is this thinking box about?
17. What were the reasons for U.S. involvement in the war?
18. Explain the domino theory.
19. Do you believe the U.S. was justified in getting involved in the Vietnam War? Explain your answer.

### Reasons for U.S. Involvement in the Vietnam War

Domino theory  
Containment  
Spreading of  
communism

**Short Constructed Response** - Think about the question carefully. Then enter your answer in the box provided.

20. What are **TWO** ways the space program improved Americans' way of life?