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U.S. History II/*Vietnam via Hollywood*

**What You Need to Know About the Vietnam War**

**for the Final Exam (pp. 934-971)**

*\*The following questions comprises all that you are expected to know for the Final Exam. As such, this handout should form part of your review materials (along with your Civil Rights Project, you will then have two Units done). If you wish to type your responses in electronic format for Final Review, an electronic version of this is on our course website. Go to the Vietnam via Hollywood tab, the word doc is at the bottom of that page. NOTE: You should always divide wars into Causes, Course, and Consequences.*

Causes (long-term & short-term)

1. Vietnamese History in 19th and 20th Centuries: Which nation ruled Vietnam in the era of Imperialism and when and where was that nation defeated? (pp. 937-38)
2. Who had the idea of the **domino theory** and what does it mean?
3. Who is the nationalist leader who seeks the independence of Vietnam? (Think of him as the George Washington of Vietnam)
4. Who is the **Vietcong**? Are they pro-U.S. or anti-U.S.?
5. After France was ousted, who did the U.S. support (p. 938)?
6. How many American advisors were in Vietnam by the end of 1963? At this time, are they engaged in combat?
7. What happened to Diem and when? Who was behind this?
8. Where does the **Ho Chi Minh Trail** start and end? What is carried along it? Does it travel within S. Vietnam?
9. Expansion of the Conflict. What happened to the *U.S.S. Maddox*?
10. On August 4, 1964 what happened to the *Maddox*? Are you sure that this in fact occurred?
11. How did the Tonkin Gulf Incident lead to President Johnson having unlimited power to wage war in Vietnam?
12. Who is Dean Rusk & Robert McNamara?

Course of the War

1. What is **Operation Rolling Thunder**?
2. By June 1965, how many Americans were in Vietnam? Were they in combat at this point? (p. 941)
3. What does ARVN stand for? Is the ARVN Communist or pro-U.S.?
4. Why were **napalm** and **Agent Orange** used in Vietnam? What was the tactical advantage of these weapons?
5. What is the draft (p. 948)?
6. What percentage of African-Americans made up the population during the war? What percentage of combat deaths were African-American? What accounts for the difference?
7. Opposition to the war. What is the SDS?
8. When and what was the **Tet Offensive**?
9. What was the impact of the Tet Offensive on the American public?
10. Who is **Henry Kissinger**? Which President did he serve?
11. Describe **“Vietnamization”**:
12. What occurred at **My Lai** (p. 962)?
13. How many people were shot and killed at **Kent State University**? Who shot them? Why?
14. Which side won the war? Read the bottom of p. 964 and TOP OF p. 965 VERY CAREFULLY. (**Fall of Saigon**, p. 964-65)

Consequences

1. How many Americans lost their lives in the Vietnam War (p. 965)? How many Vietnamese were killed during the war?
2. What does the **War Powers Act** do?
3. Why did the United States go into Vietnam originally? (What was the U.S. strategic goal?)
4. Did the United States succeed in meeting its goal?