

The Vietnam War

Chapter Review



MAIN IDEAS

1. Concern about the spread of communism led the United States to become increasingly involved in Vietnam.
2. As the United States sent increasing numbers of troops to defend South Vietnam, some Americans began to question the war.
3. As the Vietnam War dragged on and increasingly appeared to be unwinnable, deep divisions developed in American society.
4. President Nixon eventually ended U.S. involvement in Vietnam, but the war had lasting effects on the United States and in Southeast Asia.

REVIEWING VOCABULARY, TERMS, AND PEOPLE

In your own words, write the definition of each term.

1. War Powers Act: _____

2. Khmer Rouge: _____

3. Tet Offensive: _____

4. Ho Chi Minh Trail: _____

5. Twenty-sixth Amendment: _____

COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING

Answer the questions on the lines provided.

1. Why did the revelation of the My Lai massacre and the Pentagon Papers make the U.S. antiwar movement stronger?

2. In what way did the domino theory affect President Eisenhower's decision to stay involved in Vietnam?

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3. Why were some South Vietnamese desperate to leave their homeland as the North Vietnamese invaded?

4. After World War II, why did Presidents Truman and Eisenhower support France as it fought to regain control of Vietnam?

REVIEWING THEMES

Using the themes listed below, determine which is identified by each statement.

Themes

geography	politics	economics	technology and innovation	society and culture	religion
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- _____ 1. When U.S. soldiers returned home from the war, they often became targets for the rage and shame that Americans felt about the war.
- _____ 2. The United States used search-and-destroy missions in Vietnam.
- _____ 3. After World War II, France began a war to regain control of Vietnam.