

CHAPTER

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VOCABULARY AND GUIDED READING ACTIVITY

Section 1: War in Southeast Asia

The Vietnam War**Understanding Vocabulary**

Fill in the blanks with vocabulary words from the section.

- national liberation
- containment
- domino theory
- guerrilla warfare
- pacification program

1. Opposing communism to keep it from spreading:

2. Using sabotage, hit-and-run, and ambushes to fight:

3. Fear that if South Vietnam became Communist, the rest of Southeast Asia would too:

4. Freeing a country from foreign control:

5. Relocating peasants so they couldn't assist the enemy:

UNDERSTANDING CONCEPTS

- ① As you read Section 1, fill in the blanks in the following section outline.

I. The French War in Indochina

- A. France and Vietnam fought a war because _____ wanted freedom from _____ control.
- B. The United States financially supported the French because of a commitment to stop the spread of _____.

II. The United States Enters the War

- A. The United States supported the Vietnamese leader _____ because he was against communism.
- B. In 1960 the Vietminh and other groups joined forces in South Vietnam and became the _____, also called the _____.
- C. President Diem was overthrown because he did not help improve the conditions of the peasants, and he severely repressed the _____.

III. Johnson's War

- A. After the assassinations of _____ and _____, President Johnson continued to support intervention in Vietnam.
- B. Through the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, Johnson was able to get _____ approval to escalate involvement in Vietnam.
- C. Operation Rolling Thunder tried to stop the flow of supplies from _____ Vietnam into rebel camps in _____ Vietnam.
- D. By the end of 1967, _____ American troops were in Vietnam.

IV. Fighting the War

- A. The Vietcong had two advantages: they could move easily through the terrain, and they had the support of many _____.
- B. Many American soldiers began to lose _____ because the war seemed unwinnable, and its goals were unclear.

- ② Write the number to show the correct order of the events below.

_____ Kennedy assassinated

_____ Ho Chi Minh declared independence.

_____ NLF campaign of terror

_____ Ho Chi Minh Trail bombed