

# The Vietnam Years

## Part I

- I. Background to Conflict
  - A. Following World War II, \_\_\_\_\_ attempts to re-establish \_\_\_\_\_ control of Vietnam
  - B. Vietnamese resist under leadership of Communist \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Eisenhower's government supports France in battle against Vietminh rebels – \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. French abandon Vietnam after loss at \_\_\_\_\_ - 1954
- II. US Involvement Begins
  - A. To end conflict officially, US helps draft \_\_\_\_\_ treaty
    1. Divides Vietnam at \_\_\_\_\_ into North and South
    2. North is controlled by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
    3. South is controlled by \_\_\_\_\_
    4. Elections are promised to reunite country
  - B. US begins providing \_\_\_\_\_ support to anti-communists in South
  - C. President of \_\_\_\_\_, Ngo Dinh Diem, cancels promised elections (fearing a victory by Ho)
  - D. Communist \_\_\_\_\_ in the South – the \_\_\_\_\_ – begin attacks against Diem's government
  - E. Vietcong supplied from the North via \_\_\_\_\_
  - F. Diem is \_\_\_\_\_; eventually \_\_\_\_\_ with US approval
  - G. US bombing of North begins; by 1963, JFK has sent in 16,000 military "\_\_\_\_\_"
- III. Gulf of Tonkin Incident
  - A. South grows more unstable after Diem's death – Lyndon Johnson fears being perceived as "\_\_\_\_\_ on Communism"
  - B. August, 1964, US ship \_\_\_\_\_ by N.Vietnamese patrol boat in \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. LBJ asks for action from Congress
  - D. Passes \_\_\_\_\_, giving LBJ carte blanche to conduct war against \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Incident is widely believed to have been staged
- IV. Americanizing the War
  - A. LBJ initiates \_\_\_\_\_ – sustained \_\_\_\_\_ of the North
  - B. By June, 1965, \_\_\_\_\_ US troops in country
  - C. Early on, majority of Americans supported war based on \_\_\_\_\_ theory
  - D. Key US leaders:
    1. Sec. of Defense – \_\_\_\_\_
    2. Sec. of State – \_\_\_\_\_
    3. General William \_\_\_\_\_
- V. Troop Buildup
  - A. South Vietnamese Army (ARVN) quickly judged incompetent by Westmoreland
  - B. Believed that \_\_\_\_\_ US troops, South would rapidly \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. LBJ and Westmoreland stage massive troop buildup – \_\_\_\_\_ Americans on ground by \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Belief in victory through superior \_\_\_\_\_ and sheer \_\_\_\_\_ of forces will prove incorrect