

The Vietnam Years

Part III

I. The Tet Offensive

- A. _____ – January 30th, 1968. _____ North
Vietnamese/Vietcong _____ on South
- B. Over 100 towns and cities, 12 US air bases, US _____ in Saigon, all
- C. _____ victory for ARVN and _____, _____
victory for _____
- D. “If they are so close to _____, how did they accomplish this
_____?”
- E. Public opinion in the United States turns on LBJ
- F. Mainstream media begins to _____ the war
- G. _____

II. Election of 1968

- A. LBJ’s popularity plummets, decides not to seek re-election
- B. Violence grips the nation:
 1. April, 68 – Death of _____
 2. June, 68 – Death of _____, Democratic candidate
 3. Democratic National Convention in Chicago, _____ and
_____ between anti-war protestors, Chicago Police, and the
National Guard

III. Nixon Becomes President

- A. Chaos of ‘68 benefits “_____” Republican candidate

- B. Wins election over Democrat Hubert Humphrey
- C. Nixon and National Security Advisor Henry _____ began plan to end
the war

IV. Nixon and Vietnam

- A. Nixon begins slow troop _____
- B. Process of “_____” of War
 1. Training of South Vietnamese troops to carry out the fighting in
_____ of US troops
- C. Idea of _____ with _____
- D. While negotiating, Nixon increases _____ of the North, begins to
illegally bomb Ho Chi Minh Trail in _____ and
_____; _____ of Cambodia

V. Controversy on the Home Front

- A. NY Times breaks story of massacre of civilians by US troops in village of

- B. Revealed that over 200 _____ were killed
- C. Further _____ American public

VI. Controversy on the Home Front

- A. Anti-war protest at _____*, OH, (1970)
- B. National Guard fires into crowd, _____ four students
- C. Two more student protestors killed at _____ ten days later

VII. Controversy on the Home Front

- A. _____ – Secret documents leaked in 1971 revealing that both Kennedy and LBJ had taken _____ actions in _____ without the _____ of _____.
- B. Confirms beliefs of many Americans that government had not been _____ about intentions of war
- C. NY Times vs. US – 1971 – government tries to suppress information from documents – loses case

VIII. War Ends

- A. Throughout 1971, Nixon _____ and _____
- B. Prior to election of 1972, US wins _____, announces _____ – last US troops withdraw in _____ – Paris Peace Accords
- C. Southern capital of _____ falls to communist forces in _____

IX. Legacy of War

- A. _____ Americans killed, _____ wounded
- B. _____ return for veterans
- C. _____ gives 18 year olds right to vote
- D. Influx of Vietnamese _____ to US
- E. Huge death toll in _____
- F. Draft _____; _____ limits President's ability to wage war without _____ of Congress