



THE VIETNAM WAR

A CLASS-WIDE TIMELINE PROJECT

For this project, you will be either working alone or with a partner (no more than two to a group). You will be focusing on one event from the Vietnam War, and creating a visual element and summary of your topic/event. Event/topic choices will be first come, first served. When everyone is finished, with each topic/event covered, the class will have completed a full timeline of the war which will be displayed.

PICK AN EVENT:

Key Events/Topics of the Vietnam War:

- French colony threatened by Ho Chi Minh's nationalist forces.
- French forces surrender at Dien Bien Phu.
- Vietnam divided along the 17th Parallel, DMZ.
- US, fearing the "domino theory," sends aid to the south.
- President Kennedy sends American advisors to help train the ARVN.
- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution passed, allowing President Johnson to send more troops.
- Operation Rolling Thunder – bombing targets in the communist north.
- Viet Cong carry out guerrilla attacks in the south.
- Search and destroy missions begin when more troops arrive – "Americanization" of the war.
- The US uses weapons like napalm and Agent Orange to try and drive out Viet Cong.
- Viet Cong build tunnel networks to stay hidden and protected.
- NVA supplies the Viet Cong via the Ho Chi Minh trail running through Laos and Cambodia.
- The Tet Offensive – coordinated surprise attacks on US targets and cities in the south.
- Public sentiment turns against the war, as students, hippies, and others protest.
- Nixon begins "Vietnamization," turning the war over to ARVN forces and withdrawing Americans.
- After Americans pull out, communists step up attacks and capture Saigon, ending the war.

SUMMARIZE YOUR EVENT:

Learn more about your chosen event/topic. You may use your timeline handout, textbook, or search the internet. Type up a half-page, double-spaced summary of your event/topic **in your own words**. Be sure to include where you found your information! Do not copy/paste or otherwise plagiarize. This could result in an "F" on this project. If you choose a time-specific event, make sure you include the date or date range.

VISUALIZE YOUR EVENT:

Create a visual to illustrate your topic/event. You may draw and color a picture, compose a piece of poetry, etc. Be creative – the only real limit is the size (it must fit on a piece of 8.5x11 printer paper).

GRADING:

You will be given class time to work on this project, and are expected to use it wisely. If you are found wasting time before you are finished with the project, Mr. Peyton reserves the right to deduct points. Put forward your best effort. While not everyone has been given the gift of artistic ability, it is still pretty obvious when someone tries versus someone who does not try. Remember – this will be put on display for everyone to see!

Points will be deducted for:

- Having a summary that is too short and/or missing very important information.
- A final visual product that clearly shows lack of effort.



Name(s):				
VIETNAM PROJECT RUBRIC	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D" or less
SUMMARY	Accurately and completely describes event/topic in a ½ page, well-written summary. 10 – 9.5	Accurately describes event/topic within a ½ page. 9 – 8.5	Description of event/topic is mostly accurate, but fills less than ½ a page. 8 – 7.5	Inaccurately describe event/topic, is too short, and/or appears copied and pasted without citing source. 7 or less
VISUAL	Presents/compliments the event/topic in a way that demonstrates planning, effort, and creativity. 10 – 9.5	Presents/compliments the event/topic in a way that demonstrates some effort. 9 – 8.5	Is related to the event/topic, but presented in a basic way that lacks effort. 8 – 7.5	Appears unrelated to the event/topic, and/or shows little or no effort. 7 or less
Comments:				TOTAL SCORE: