

Unit 11

Chapters 49 & 50



Our History Class Responsibilities

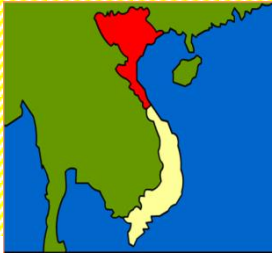
We will try our best to learn and have fun,
Until the class is over and Mrs. Hill says we're done!

We will use the chat to participate and write about the class
subjects only,
Or we will lose that privilege and we will be very lonely.

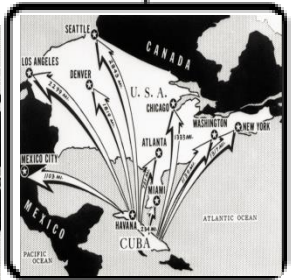
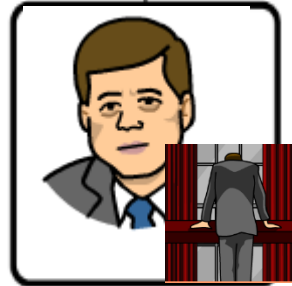
We need to be in class on time, make sure to participate, and
TRY!
And if we don't stay the entire class, we may be marked
absent and wonder why?

Once class is over, our work is not quite through,
We have a chapter to read and a study guide to do.

We are responsible for our own grade, it is what we earn,
We are in control of learning all that we can learn!



Immediately after WW2(the beginning of the Cold War) the US became involved in conflicts to prevent communism in Vietnam. The US involvement increases with time until the US enters the Vietnam War.



Most of the advisers to presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson believed we

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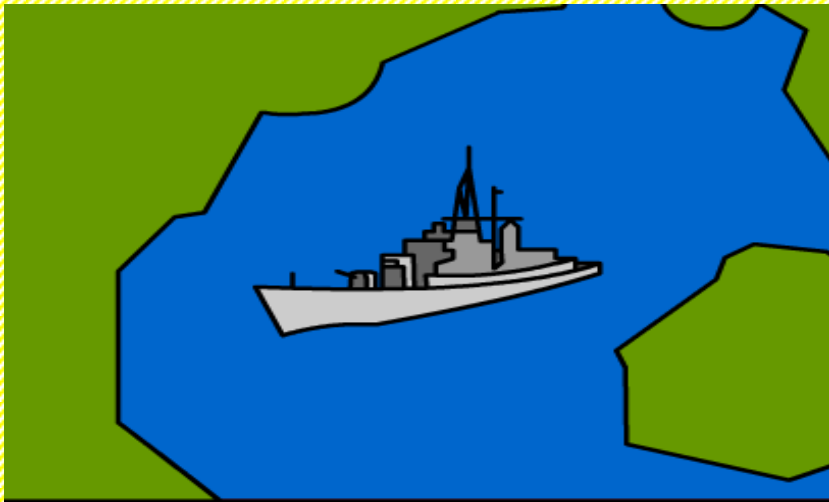
b) Should not

_____ fight in in Vietnam. They believed it was America's role to stand up to any communist nation, anywhere. They believed that all communist nations were part of a large conspiracy. If Vietnam was allowed to become communist, everyone seemed sure that all of Southeast Asia would soon follow

We sent more than half a million Americans to war in Vietnam. We sent more money and more advisers and then President Johnson's advisers were pushing him to enter the war in a big way. Even though Johnson ran as a peace candidate, he didn't want to look like a coward and not go to war. Luckily, for him something happened that gave him an excuse to become a warrior. What happened?



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**President Lyndon Johnson
got Congress to pass the
Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.**

**It said the U.S. could use
military force in Vietnam.**



**But by the end of 1965, there were
184,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam.**

**And over 500,000 by
the end of 1968!**

What are guerilla fighters?



The military chiefs kept telling the president that if we just sent a few thousand more soldiers and dropped a few more bombs it would all e over. But the old men and women and the guerrilla fighters, who seemed to know how to vanish into the jungle, finally made the great and mighty United States give up and go home.

We thought we were doing the right thing when we began. But we didn't understand what the war was all about.

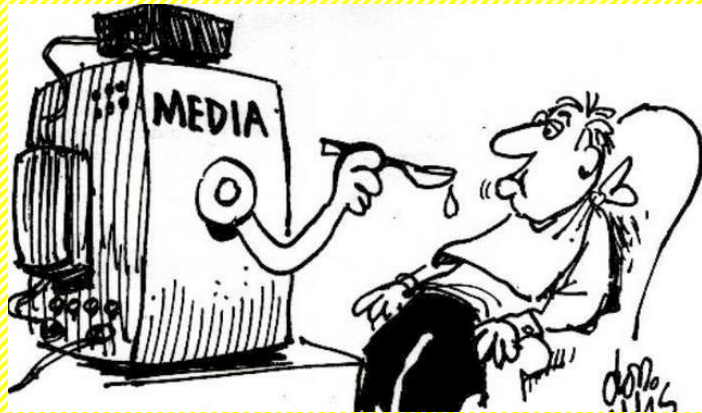
It was about freedom. The Vietnamese wanted to be free of foreign rule. They wanted to choose their own leaders. They wanted freedom even to make the wrong decisions. This was a nasty civil war. We soon made it much worse. We made it a high-tech war. We brought in grenades, rocket launchers, jellied-gasoline explosives (called "napalm"), and chemicals (called "defoliants") that took all the leaves off the jungle trees—and we still couldn't beat the Vietnamese.

We should have known that could happen. After all, we ourselves started out as a little pipsqueak nation that defeated the great and mighty British empire. Didn't we remember that people fighting for their own freedom are apt to be unbeatable? What had happened to us?

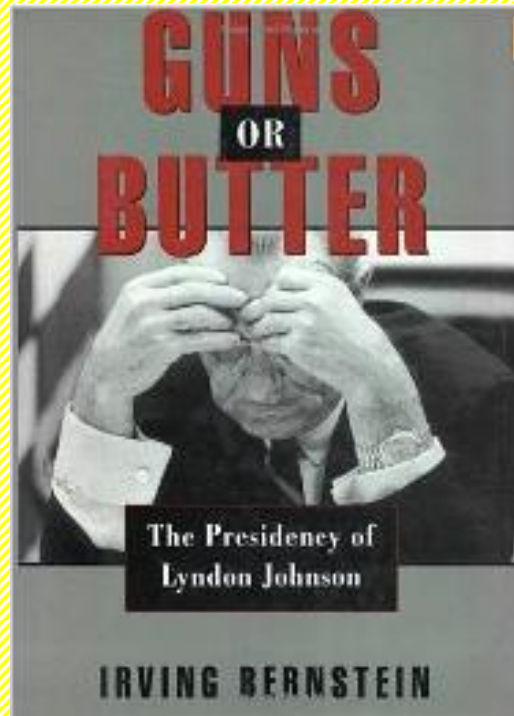
What was the My Lai Massacre



President LBJ stated that bombing in Vietnam was aimed at their military targets, but newspaper reporters reported that bombing was aimed at _____,
and _____.



Guns or Butter

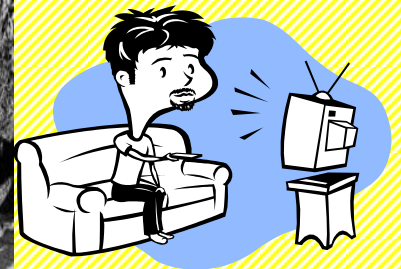


Why...?

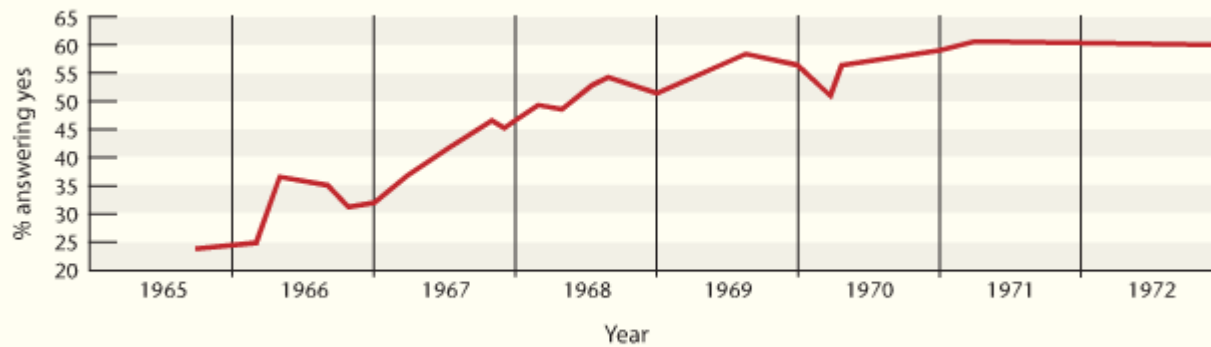
Why did we get involved in Vietnam?



Why were people against it?



Americans' Changing Opinions About Vietnam



Year by year, the Gallup Poll asked Americans, "Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam?"

As the War in Vietnam continued more people began to support the war.



What else is happening...



- Cities(Ghettos)
- Riots: A terrible new slogan replaced the South's "We shall overcome." It was "Burn, baby, burn" as frustration and despair erupted from the sidewalks of the Northern cities
- Fight against Poverty.. The real injustice.. Not about race anymore.
- Other minorities protesting(Native Americans, Women, Mexican Immigrants)

Johnson's idea of the Great Society was not working out the way he had planned.





EXIT TICKET:

Vietnam Video:

<http://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/ushistory/vietnamwar/>

Homework: Chapters 52 & 53