

The Vietnam War – a viewing and listening activity

Part 2

THE TET OFFENSIVE

1. How many cities and towns were attacked during the Tet New Year?
2. Who won the actual fighting in the Tet Offensive, the US or the Vietnamese Communists?
3. Why was the Tet Offensive difficult for Americans psychologically? What assumptions did it contradict?

THE ANTIWAR MOVEMENT

1. What did President Johnson announce in 1968?
2. Who was in the New Left movement?
3. Who organized the first anti-war protests?
4. What happened outside the Democratic Convention in 1968?
5. What were several different ways that people avoided the draft to go to Vietnam?

RICHARD NIXON AND VIETNAMIZATION

1. What was Nixon's plan of Vietnamization?
2. How did Nixon secretly expand the War?
3. Which country did Nixon invade, during the Vietnam War?

Use the article “Jungle Warfare” by Brian Mahoney to answer the following questions:

1. How was fighting in Vietnam different from fighting in WW II?
2. What were some of the dangers of being a soldier in the Vietnam War?
3. According to the narrator, what were the causes of the Vietnam War?
4. What did the narrator admire about Tyrone and Mikey?
5. What is your opinion of the way US soldiers were received when they came home?

Look at the highlighted words below in the article and copy their definitions:

1. civil war
2. Charlie
3. AK 47
4. Foxhole
5. Tour of duty
6. land mine
7. Vietcong
8. ambush
9. VA hospital