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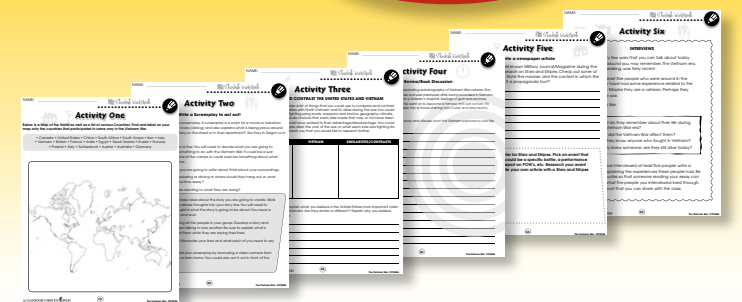
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Location and Geography

1. A. Mark the area on the map of the world where you think Vietnam is located.



- B. Explain the reasons why you chose that spot.

- C. Based on the area you chose on the map, what would be the temperature of a Vietnam winter?

2. Can you name two common household items that are made in Vietnam today?

3. A. Using the computer in your classroom pull up a map of the world and see how close you were to marking the correct spot of Vietnam.
B. Does this change your guess of what the temperature would be in the winter?



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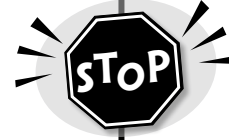
Location and Geography

The country of Vietnam is located in Southeast Asia. It is a very long and narrow country shaped much like an "S". Vietnam is bordered on the east by the China Sea, on the north by China, and on the west by Cambodia and Laos. The whole country is around 1200 miles (1931.213 kilometers) from its northern tip to the southern tip, and has an area of around 128,000 square miles (331518.478 square kilometers).

There are two major river deltas in Vietnam. One is in North Vietnam formed from the Red River, and the second is the Mekong delta in the south formed from the Mekong River. These two delta areas are the main agricultural growing areas in Vietnam. The main staple crop is rice, grown in vast rice paddies. Other agricultural products include coffee, tea, cashews, and rubber.

Vietnam is a country of great contrasts. The north consists mainly of highlands and the Red River Delta. The south consists of coastal lowlands, vast forests and dense jungle. A chain of mountains, called the Annamite Mountains, runs along almost the whole western border of the country.

Can you name the two major rivers that flow through the deltas in Vietnam?



Vietnam has what is called a tropical monsoon climate. In the south the dry season runs from around November to April and has very hot temperatures. During the wet season there are large amounts of rainfall and it is not uncommon to have several days in a row of constant rain. In the north they also have a short winter season but the average temperature does not usually fall below 70 degrees fahrenheit (21 degrees celsius) in the daytime.

It was in this country of great contrasts that U.S. troops found themselves fighting. The terrain, along with the tropical climate, proved to be a real hurdle for the soldiers, vehicles, and equipment.

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Location and Geography

1. Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.
- a) A typical Vietnam winter would be 32 degrees fahrenheit (0 degrees celcius).
TRUE FALSE
- b) One of the main crops grown in Vietnam is rice.
TRUE FALSE
- c) Vietnam consists of both highlands and lowlands.
TRUE FALSE
- d) Rice crops are mainly grown in the deltas.
TRUE FALSE
- e) The U.S. troops had no problems adapting to the climate.
TRUE FALSE

2. Match the Words below with the correct statement.

WESTERN RED CHINA VIETNAM DRY MONSOON

- a) Vietnam borders on this sea.
b) One of the main Rivers in North Vietnam is known as this.
c) Southeast Asia is where the location of this country is.
d) The Annamite Mountains run along this border.
e) The tropical climate in Vietnam is known as this.
f) November to April is very hot and is also known to be this.

3. Circle the word that does not belong in each line found below.

- a) Lowlands, Mountains, Delta, Snow.
b) Sea, Hill, Ocean, River.
c) Rice, Cashews, Computer, Rubber.



Organize a Protest

Americans were greatly divided over their country's involvement in Vietnam. Many voiced their views through marches, rallies and protests.

As a class, or in small groups, organize a protest to the war in Vietnam.

Research the reasons WHY people were unhappy about the war.

HOW did the United States get involved?

WHAT was the turning point in the war? (Did the people support the war and later decide to protest against it or did they protest the war right from the start.)

WHO was to blame? If you are protesting the war there is usually someone or a group that you can blame. (often the government)

WHEN did the protest happen?

WHERE is the best place to hold your protest?

Also Remember to:

Write a speech about your reasons that you would give at the rally.

Make Protest signs and banners for your rally.

Think of some chants that you would use with the crowd.

These items would also require that you answer the questions listed above.

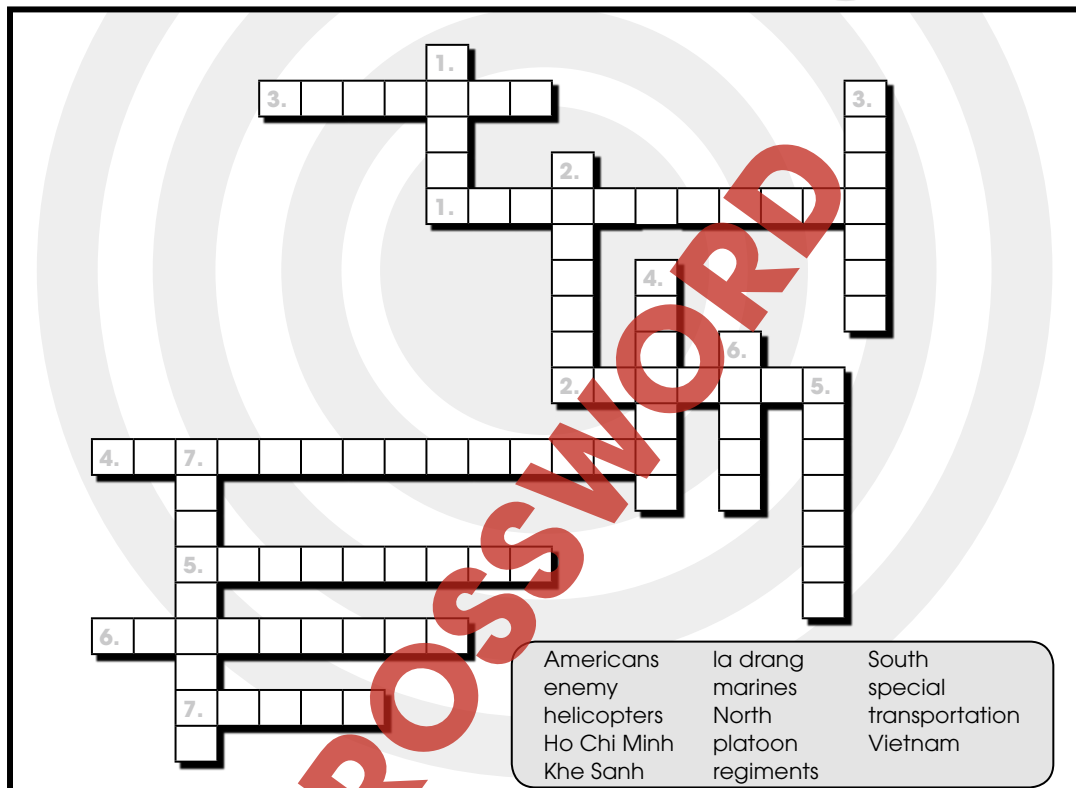
REMEMBER:

There were also rallies, and marches in support of the war, though they aren't as well known. Some groups could also do the same project but organize their rally in support of the war and troops.

At the end of the exercise you could hold a debate. Have one group debate the reasons why they are against the war and the other group can explain why it is important to support the war. Make sure you are prepared for any questions.



Crossword Puzzle!



Americans	la drang	South
enemy	marines	special
helicopters	North	transportation
Ho Chi Minh	platoon	Vietnam
Khe Sanh	regiments	

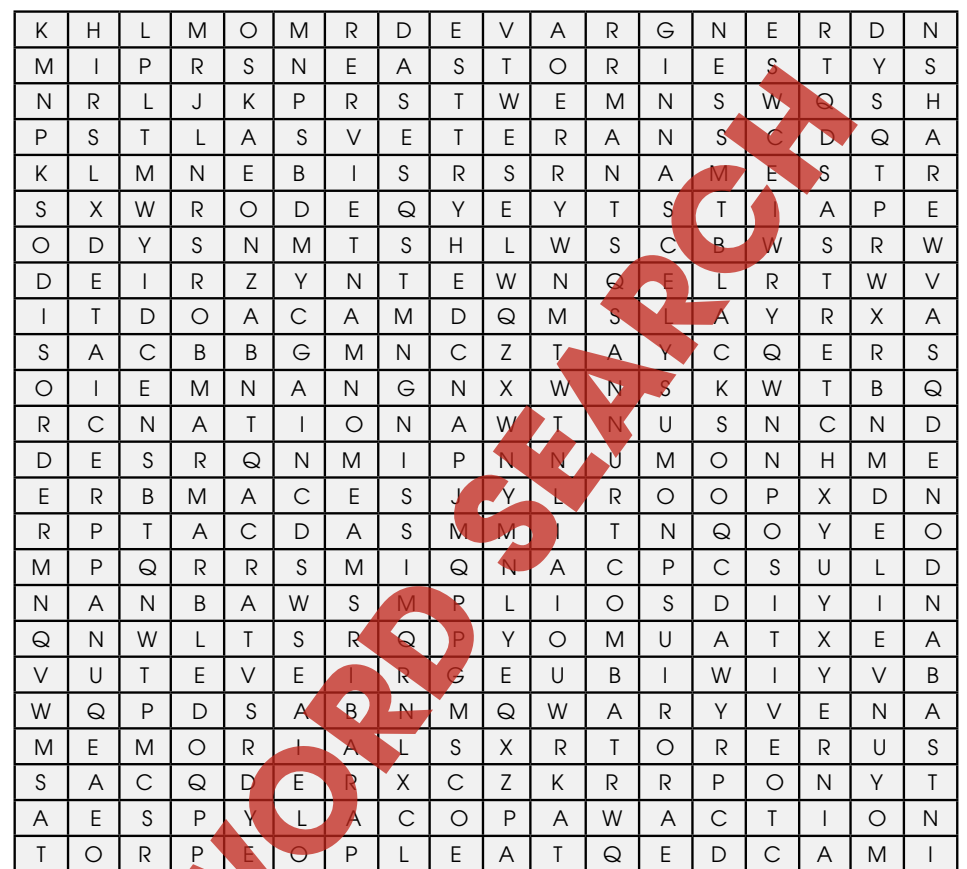
Across

- Air Transportation
- These soldiers man the base at Khe Sanh
- A movie about Vietnam
- a tank or jeep
- Army unit smaller than a division
- Prime Minister of Communist party
- _____ Pole

Down

- Opposite of North
- _____ War
- Base near demilitarized zone
- Large battle taking place in 1965
- Forces with elite skills
- Opposite of friend
- People full of pride

Word Puzzle



- | | | | |
|------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| ABANDONED | GRIEVE | PLATOON | UNVEILED |
| ACTION | KILLED | POORLY | VETERANS |
| APOCALYPSE | MARBLE | POSITIVE | VIETNAM |
| BLACK | MEMORIALS | RAMBO | WALL |
| COMBAT | MISSING | SHARE | WAR |
| DISORDER | NAMES | STORIES | |
| ENGRAVED | NATION | STRETCH | |
| GATHER | PEOPLE | UNAPPRECIATED | |



Comprehension Quiz

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Part A

Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- The climate in Vietnam is hot all year round.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The French were defeated in the Vietnam War.
TRUE **FALSE**
- Ho Chi Minh was the Prime Minister of the democratic party.
TRUE **FALSE**
- Guerrilla tactics were never used in the Vietnam War.
TRUE **FALSE**
- Orange Agent kills vegetation.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The Navy had three major roles in Vietnam.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The anti-war protests in the United States were always harmless with no violent rallies or marches.
TRUE **FALSE**
- "The Wall" is a Vietnam memorial made of black marble panels.
TRUE **FALSE**

Part B

Circle the answer that is most correct.

- Vietnam is found in:
A. Asia. B. Europe.
C. Africa. D. South America.
- Democratic means:
A. the Government is appointed.
B. the Government stays in office until they decide to retire.
C. the people vote on their government.
D. the government is from the same family.
- The 7th Cavalry troops arrived on the battlefield in Plei Me by:
A. jeeps. B. tanks.
C. U.S.S. Enterprise. D. helicopters.
- 700 rounds per minute comes from a:
A. B-52. B. M-16.
C. M-79. D. M-60.

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The Vietnam War Major Battles



