






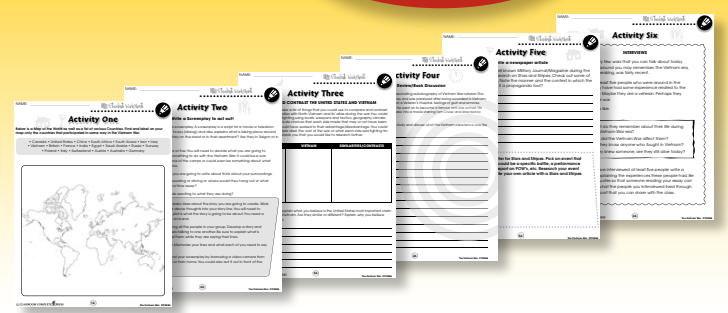
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Major Battles

1. Using a dictionary can you connect the word with the meaning?

1	War	A Military operation to strengthen a military force, or aid in the performance of its mission	A
2	Missions	Greater in number of size or amount	B
3	Regiment	A hostile meeting of opposing Military forces in the course of a war.	C
4	Major	The waging of armed conflict against an enemy.	D
5	Battle	Army unit smaller than a division.	E
6	Support	The termination of a ruler or institution.	F
7	overthrown	An operation that is assigned by a higher headquarters.	G

2. Look up the word **guerilla** in the dictionary. Write down the meaning of the word below.

3. Did the U.S. forces or the Viet Cong use guerilla tactics? Explain your answer.



Major Battles



There were many different battles and operations during the Vietnam War. Most involved large numbers of U.S. troops performing sweeps of certain areas searching for the enemy. These were called search and destroy missions. Three of the major battles are described below.



The battle of Ia Drang took place from November 14th - 17th 1965. The U.S. 1st Cavalry Division was specially trained in using helicopters as their main means of transportation. They were sent inland to Pleiku to help relieve Special Forces units under attack in that area. The battle began when two North Vietnamese Army (NVA) regiments attacked the Special Forces camp at Plei Me. The 7th Cavalry landed troops on the battlefield using helicopters. American forces used heavy artillery and air support over two days and were able to defeat the NVA regiment. The NVA retreated losing more than 2000 men compared to U.S. losses of around 200 men. A day later when moving to a new location a couple miles away, U.S. troops were ambushed killing or wounding 280 Americans. In the battle of Ia Drang the U.S. was the clear winner in numbers killed, what they called the body count. The Americans learned that they had a clear advantage of mobility and superior firepower when used properly.

Khe Sanh was a remote base near the DMZ, or Demilitarized Zone, in the north part of South Vietnam. It was very strategically important. Khe Sanh was one of the highest points in the area and the American forces were able to watch the Ho Chi Minh Trail and roads in the area. U.S. Marines often occupied the base and then left it. In April and

When did the battle of Ia Drang take place?





Major Battles



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

- a) Khe Sanh was a major city in Vietnam.
TRUE FALSE
- b) During the 1968 Tet holiday cease fire, attacks happened in major cities.
TRUE FALSE
- c) Hue is a city in Vietnam.
TRUE FALSE
- d) The Ia Drang battle took place in November, 1965.
TRUE FALSE
- e) Intense fighting happened in Hue.
TRUE FALSE
- f) American forces did not have superior firepower.
TRUE FALSE
- g) The average age of a Vietnam soldier was 29.
TRUE FALSE

2. Number these events in the order in which they happened, from the earliest to the latest.

- ___ a) The American Government sends military advisors and equipment to South Vietnam.
- ___ b) The Siege of Khe Sanh.
- ___ c) The French army loses the Battle of Dien Bien Phu.
- ___ d) The Tet Offensive.
- ___ e) The Battle of Ia Drang takes place.

3. Imagine that you are a marine at the base of Khe Sanh while it is under attack. Write a letter home describing your experience.



Web Navigation

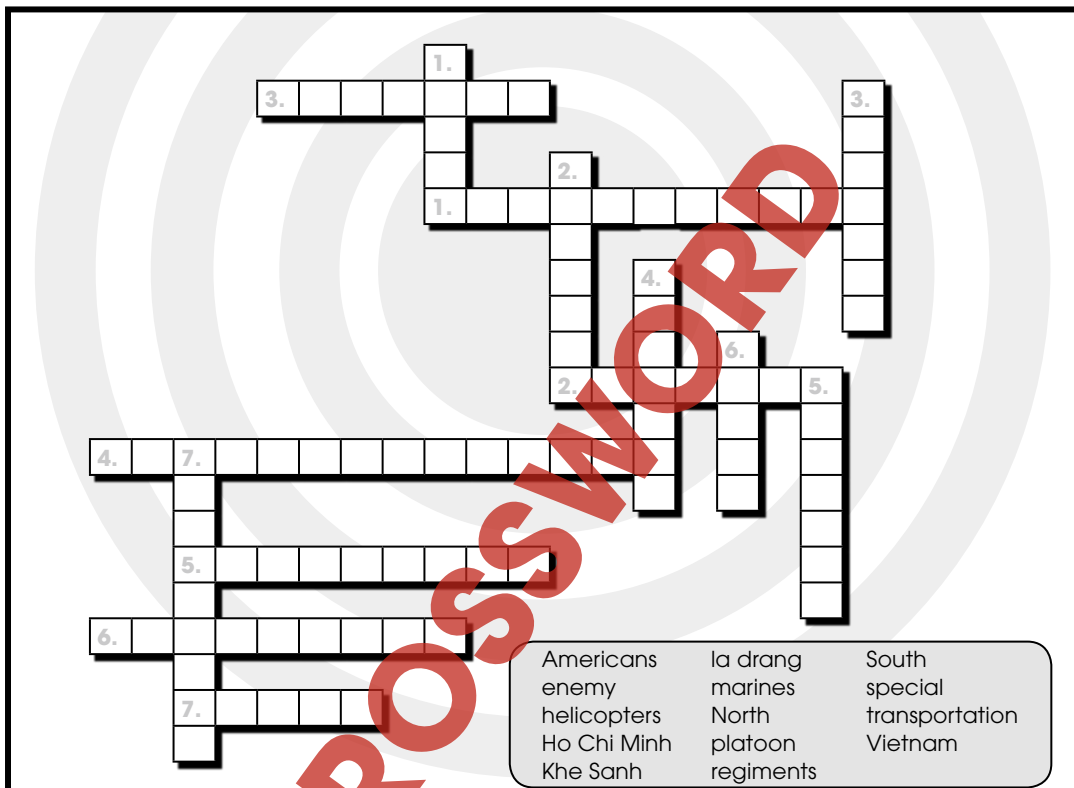


Today you will be looking at a website that has to do with the Vietnam War. You are to navigate the website and answer the questions.

- 1. Log onto the computer, open a word document to record your answers.
 - 2. Get on to the internet.
 - 3. Go to the following website. www.pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/. This is an excellent website about the Vietnam War.
 - 4. Answer the following questions.
- A. Go to "A Brief History". Find the section about the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. What were the names of the two American warships that were attacked that resulted in Congress passing the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution?
- B. Go to "Battlefield: Timeline". On what date did American helicopters arrive at docks in South Vietnam, along with 400 U.S. personnel to fly and maintain them?
On what date in 1965 were the first bombing raids of Rolling Thunder flown?
- C. Go to the "Guerilla" section. Find the section about the Viet Cong base at Cu Chi. How many miles of tunnels were found in the area and what kinds of things did they house?
- D. Go to the "Air War" section. Find the information about the F-4 Fighter Jet. What is the maximum speed of the F-4? What is the weight of the aircraft?
- E. Go to the "Khe Sanh" section. On what date did the NVA forces launch a massive attack, beginning the siege of Khe Sanh?



Crossword Puzzle!



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

Across

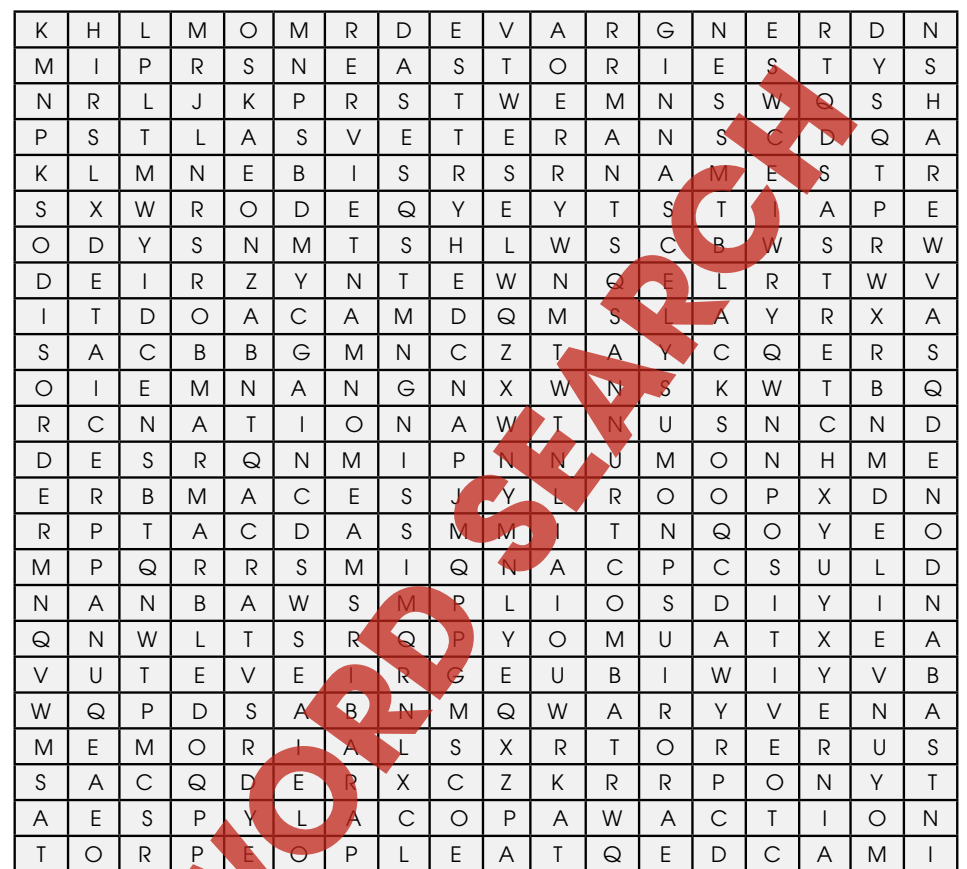
- Air Transportation
- These soldiers man the base at Khe Sanh
- A movie about Vietnam
- a tank or jeep
- Army unit smaller than a division
- Prime Minister of Communist party
- _____ Pole

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



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|------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| 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

Part C

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- Can you name 4 topographical features found in Vietnam? 2

- How long was the U.S. involved in the Vietnam War? 2

- How did William Westmoreland believe the Vietnam War would be won? 2

- Name 3 types of antiwar movements that the American people used to help show the government how they felt. 2

- Name four types of water vessels the Blue Water Navy used. 2

SUBTOTAL: /10

Protests in the US Against the Vietnam War

