US/World History

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Lesson Objectives

**1.** **Analyze** the major issues and events that caused President Johnson to increase American troop strength in Vietnam.

**2.** **Assess** the nature of the war in Vietnam and the difficulties faced by both sides.

**3.** **Evaluate** the effects of low morale on American troops and on the home front.

Academic Vocabulary

**assert:** to state positively; declare

**doctrine:** teachings

**infiltrate:** to secretly pass troops through an enemy line in war

**quagmire:** quicksand or muck; a problem or situation that is difficult to get out of

**skirmish:** a brief, unplanned fight during a war

Key Terms

William Westmoreland

Napalm

Hawks

Doves

Escalation of Forces in Vietnam: Text

**1. Compare and Contrast** Compare U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War before and after the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.

**2.** **Use Visual Information** What unforeseen effects did napalm and Agent Orange have on the Vietnamese people?

**3. Paraphrase** Ho Chi Minh explained that his Vietcong guerillas fought like a tiger against an elephant. Explain this in your own words, and then come up with your own comparison that describes how the Vietnamese and American forces fought.

**4. Summarize** The United States had superior force and a large number of troops in Vietnam. Why wasn’t this enough to win the war quickly?

Patriotism, Heroism, and Sinking Morale: Text

**5. Identify Supporting Details**How did the Vietnam War affect the way people viewed military service? Use quotes and other evidence from the text to support your answer.

**6. Analyze Interactions Among People and Events** When the United States started sending troops to Vietnam, they could not fight in the same way they did in World War II. Why couldn’t the United States use the same strategies in both wars?

Doubt Grows on the Home Front: Text

**7. Identify Cause and Effect** How did Johnson’s policies in the Vietnam War affect his Great Society policies? What other events or trends affected both of these policies?

**8. Draw Inferences**Lyndon B. Johnson was a Democrat. How do you think the tension between conservative “hawks” and liberal “doves” affected his political power?