**The Vietnam War Years**

In 1965, America's fight against communism has spread to Southeast Asia, where the United States is becoming increasingly involved in another country's civil war. Unable to claim victory, U.S. generals call for an increase in the number of combat troops. Facing a shortage of volunteers, the president expands the draft.

**The Vietnam War Years:**

**The U.S. enters a war in Vietnam, which results in the deaths of 58,000 American soldiers, the division of American society into bitterly opposed sides, and a lasting impact on U.S. foreign policy.**

1. **Moving Toward Conflict**
   1. **America slowly involves itself in the war in Vietnam as it seeks to halt the spread of communism.**
   2. **America supports France in Vietnam-Vietminh drive out the French**
   3. **The U.S. steps in-JFK sends troops to Vietnam**
   4. **President Johnson expands the conflict-Tonkin Gulf Resolution**
2. **U.S. Involvement & Escalation**
   1. **The U.S. sends troops to fight in Vietnam, but the war quickly turns into a stalemate.**
   2. **LBJ increases U.S. involvement-Strong support for containment**
   3. **Fighting in the jungle-the enemy is elusive-Battle for the “hearts & minds” of S. Vietnamese-U.S. troop morale sinks**
   4. **War at home suffers-Great Society suffers-the living room war (TV coverage)**
3. **A Nation Divided**
   1. **An antiwar movement emerges in the U.S., pitting those who oppose the government’s war policy against those who support it.**
   2. **Working class goes to war-African-Americans in Vietnam**
   3. **Roots of opposition-The New Left & campus activism**
   4. **The protest movement emerges-Antiwar movement grows-War divides the nation**
4. **1968: A Tumultuous Year**
   1. **A shocking enemy attack in Vietnam, two assassinations, and a chaotic political convention help make 1968 the most explosive year of the decade.**
   2. **Tet Offensive turns the tide of the war-Surprise attack-Tet changes public opinion**
   3. **LBJ withdraws from presidential race-**
   4. **1968 presidential race-Turmoil in Chicago with Democrats-Nixon wins election**
5. **The End of the War & its Legacy**
   1. **The nation’s longest war ends after nearly ten years and leaves a lasting impact on U.S. policy & American society.**
   2. **Nixon & Vietnamization-U.S. begins pullout-“Peace with Honor”**
   3. **My Lai Massacre, Invasion of Cambodia, 4 dead at Kent State, Pentagon Papers**
   4. **War ends-Fall of Saigon, 58,000 Americans dead, U.S. builds “The Wall”**

**Vocabulary**: I can use key vocabulary words and identify the significance of the key people and events of the 1960s.

-HO CHI MINH -VIETMINH -VIETCONG -DOMINO THEORY -TONKIN GULF RESOLUTION -HANOI -SAIGON

-HO CHI MINH TRAIL -GENERAL WESTMORELAND - ARVN -WAR OF ATTRITION -NAPALM -AGENT ORANGE

-TET OFFENSIVE -DRAFT -TEACH-INS -CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR -COLLEGE DEFERMENT -NEW LEFT -SDS -FSM -DOVES -HAWKS -WALTER CRONKITE - ROBERT KENNEDY - HUBERT HUMPHREY -RICHARD NIXON -GEORGE WALLACE

-HENRY KISSINGER -GERALD FORD -POL POT -KHMER ROUGE -MY LAI - KENT STATE -VIETNAMIZATION -SILENT MAJORITY -PENTAGON PAPERS -WAR POWERS ACT