

**Section 2, pp. 736-741 U.S. Involvement and Escalation**

**A.** *As you read about the escalation of the war, take notes to answer the questions:*

**1. What role did each of the following play in the decision to escalate U.S. military involvement in Vietnam?**

Lyndon B. Johnson

Robert McNamara

Dean Rusk

William Westmoreland

U.S. Congress

American public opinion

**U.S. military strategies result in a bloody stalemate.**

**2. What military advantages did the Americans have over the Vietcong?**

**3. What military advantages did the Vietcong have over the Americans?**

**4. What military strategies did the Americans use against the Vietcong?**

**5. What military strategies did the Vietcong use against the Americans?**

**Public support for the war begins to waver as a "credibility gap" grows.**

**6. What role did each of the following play in this change of public support?**

The U.S. economy

Television

The Fulbright hearings