

VIETNAM WAR

A *Timeline* of the Vietnam War



May 7 BATTLE OF DIEN BIEN PHU

Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh forces defeat the French, ending the 7 1/2-year Indochina War



December 20 VIETCONG FORMED

Southern revolutionaries, backed by the North Vietnamese Communist Party, form the National Liberation Front, known in Saigon and Washington as the Viet Cong



November 1-2 PRESIDENT DIEM ASSASSINATED

President of South Vietnam and his brother are murdered during a coup by dissident generals of the South Vietnamese army. President Kennedy would be assassinated later that month



April 15 & Oct. 21 ANTI-WAR PROTESTS

Hundreds of thousands of antiwar protesters gather for demonstrations in New York's Central Park and in Washington.



March 16 MY LAI MASSACRE

Over the course of four hours, American soldiers kill more than 500 unarmed civilians in and around the settlement of My Lai



November 5 NIXON IS ELECTED PRESIDENT,

promising to end the war in Vietnam



January 27 CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT

is reached between U.S. and North Vietnam, U.S. POWs begin to return home

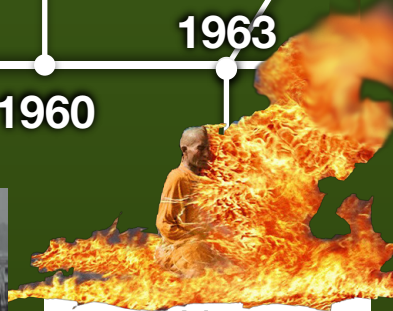
1954



July 21 THE GENEVA ACCORDS

a conference in Geneva, world powers agree to a divided Vietnam.

1960



July 1 SELF-IMMOLATION OF BUDDHIST MONK

Thich Quang Duc in Saigon sparks outrage around the world & brings attention to South Vietnam's horrible treatment of its Buddhist citizens

1964

August 2-4 GULF OF TONKIN INCIDENT

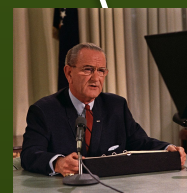
Two supposed incidents in the Gulf of Tonkin led Johnson to seek congressional approval for direct U.S. involvement in Vietnam

1967

January 31 THE TET OFFENSIVE

During the Tet Offensive, North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops launch surprise attacks against targets throughout South Vietnam - American support for the war weakens

1968



March 31 JOHNSON ANNOUNCES

he will not run for re-election

1968



May 4 KENT STATE SHOOTINGS

Four days after Nixon announced the expansion of the war into Cambodia, four students at Kent State are shot by National Guardsmen during a protest

1970



April 3 SAIGON FALLS

marking the end of the Vietnam War & the beginning of formal reunification of Vietnam under Communist Rule

1973

1975

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Analyze the timeline on the back to answer the following questions.

1. What happened earlier? A) Resignation of President Johnson B) My Lai Massacre
2. What event divided Vietnam into North and South? _____
3. What is the span (number of years shown) on this timeline? _____
4. What event happened August 2-4, 1964? _____
5. Why is the above significant? _____
6. In order, what four events happened in 1968? _____
7. What prompted the return of American prisoners of war(POW)? also, when? _____
8. How many months was it from the cease-fire agreement to the complete fall of Vietnam to the communists? _____
9. How many months did it take for President Johnson to announce his resignation after the Tet Offensive? _____
10. The war in which Vietnam fought for its independence from France was called the French Indochina war. How long did the war last? _____
11. What was the significance of the self-immolation(act of suicide as sacrifice) by Buddhist Monk, Thich Quang Duc? _____
12. When did the last U.S. combat troops leave Vietnam? _____
13. When did the rest of the U.S. leave Vietnam? _____
14. On April 30th, President Nixon announced an expansion of the Vietnam War into the country of Cambodia. What happened four days later? _____

Matching

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| ___ 15. American soldiers kill more than 500 unarmed civilians | a. Nixon |
| ___ 16. attack on South Vietnam that weakened American support for the war | b. Fall of Saigon |
| ___ 17. southern revolutionaries, backed by the N. Vietnamese Communist Party | c. My Lai Massacre |
| ___ 18. succeeded President Johnson as president of the United States | d. Vietcong |
| ___ 19. president of South Vietnam until 1960 | e. Diem |
| ___ 20. marked the end of the Vietnam war | f. Tet Offensive |



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