

# Unit 6

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Unit 6: The American Experience in Vietnam

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## **Unit Overview**

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Unit 6 will explore the roots of our involvement in Vietnam, another example of containment. It was a brutal war that caused a division within the US. This experience stayed with anyone who fought in the war as well as their families. This movement against the war in the US caused the relationship between the people and the government to change forever. America's involvement in Vietnam began in 1950, during the French Indochina War, the name given to France's attempt to reestablish its rule in Vietnam after World War II. Seeking to strengthen its ties with France and to help fight the spread of communism, the United States provided the French with massive economic and military support.

## **Enduring Understanding**

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1. American involvement in Vietnam has its roots in the end of the first two World Wars.
2. American policy in Vietnam is the logical consequence of adherence to both containment and the domino theory.
3. The violence and brutality of the Vietnam War affected soldiers and changed the perception of Americans

both at home and abroad.

4. The Vietnam War caused deep divisions both politically and emotionally within the US.
5. 1968 was a watershed year in American history, from which our political system and society have never been the same.
6. The withdrawal of American soldiers from Vietnam was very slow and gradual to allow the US to achieve "peace with honor".
7. The Vietnam experience left a permanent mark on the people who fought in it and the country as a whole.
8. The relationship between the American government and its people was never the same after Vietnam and 1968.

## **Essential Questions**

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1. Why did Ho Chi Minh ask to meet Wilson at Versailles and read from the American Declaration of Independence at a 1945 speech in Vietnam?
2. How did containment and the Domino Theory affect US foreign policy from 1945-1975?
3. Why can Vietnam be considered different from any previous American War?
4. How united was the US as the war dragged into months and then years?
5. Why was America fundamentally different after the events of 1968?
6. Why did Nixon insist on a policy of Vietnamization when the American public overwhelmingly wanted out of the Vietnam War?
7. What does the treatment of Americans who returned from Vietnam say about America as a country and Americans as people?

## Exit Skills

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By the end of Unit 6

1. Students should be able to apply domain-specific vocabulary in their verbal and written responses, essays and papers.
2. Students should be able to choose a side to a query and provide logical argument for their choice.
3. Students should be able to deductively use new information and logically apply this evidence to a related problem.
4. Students should be able to inductively gather information and deduce a theory based on their findings.
5. Students should be able to gather information in meaningful clusters and apply their findings to specific problems.

Write an persuasive essay that answers this question:

Should the United States have gotten involved in the conflict in Vietnam?

1. Your essay should include the key people, decisions, and circumstances behind the United States' involvement in the conflict in Vietnam.
2. Cite evidence to support your position.
3. Organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL-S)**

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SOC.6.1.12	U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.
SOC.6.1.12.9	Contemporary United States (1970-Today)
SOC.6.1.12.D.15.a	Compare United Nations policies and goals (i.e., the International Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals) intended to promote human rights and prevent the violation of human rights with actions taken by the United States.
SOC.6.3.12.C.1	Participate in a simulated meeting (e.g., President's Council, World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF)), research evidence from multiple sources about an economic problem, (e.g., inflation, unemployment, deficit), and develop a plan of action.

### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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**Witness for the Prosecution**—High school students take on the role of investigative journalist and read the play *Witness for the Prosecution* by Agatha Christie. After each act of the play, students write news stories using facts from the play.

[www.teachnet-lab.org/fklane/pmaslow/witness.htm](http://www.teachnet-lab.org/fklane/pmaslow/witness.htm)

### **Learning Objectives**

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Upon completion of this section, please remove all remaining descriptions, notes, outlines, examples and/or illustrations that are not

needed or used.

**Effective Learning Objectives Used in Lesson Planning:**

- Begin with an action verb from one or more of Bloom's Taxonomy categories listed below;
- Are measurable and/or observable, using action verbs, such as "differentiate," "classify," "justify;"
- Are not vague or passive verbs, such as "understand," "remember;"
- Increase the use of verbs from Bloom's Taxonomy's higher order thinking categories, including **Analyze** and **Evaluate**
- Construct authentic learning activities and assessments that are derived from the Bloom's Taxonomy category - **Create**
- Minimize the use of lower order thinking categories - Remember and Understand.

**Examples:**

- **Identify** nutrients found in common food sources using the product's nutrition label;
- Use computer dietary analysis to assess a 2-day dietary intake and **categorize** the results;
- **Research** nutrition-related information on the internet and **evaluate** the reliability of the information.

**Action Verbs:** Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				



### **Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

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- Class discussion: How completely do you trust your government after Nixon?
- Should the United States have gotten involved in the conflict in Vietnam?
- Write a persuasive essay in response to the essential question. Your essay should include the key people, decisions, and circumstances behind the United State's involvement in the conflict in Vietnam. Be sure to cite evidence to support your position and organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Map it: identify the major groups involved in the Vietnam War.

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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| • Exit Tickets-formative assessment |
| • Admit Tickets                     |
| • Common benchmarks                 |
| • Evaluation rubrics                |
| • Self- assessments                 |
| • Unit tests-summative assessment   |
| • Quizzes                           |

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benchmark assessment

Written reports-alternate assessment

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals



- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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**American History, HMH Social Studies, Copyright 2018**

**Website: The History channel, PBS, United streaming and Channel One News**

**Films, Supplemental Readings, etc.**

**"All the Kings Men"**

The History Channel "Vietnam"

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/vietnam/psources/index.html>

## **Ancillary Resources**

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<https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/vietnam-photos/>

<http://crln.acrl.org/content/76/9/511.full>

<http://teachinghistory.org/nhec-blog/23921>

## **Technology Infusion**

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What **Technology Infusion** and/or strategies are integrated into this unit to enhance learning? Please list all hardware, software and strategies. Please find a technology pedagogy wheel for assistance while completing this section.

- Make an interactive website
- Use of Google Chrome Books
- Google Classroom to communicate information to the students
- Various Online tools



## **Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology**

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Mastery and infusion of **21st Century Skills & Technology** and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

## **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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Ref's	Description
0x	• Global Awareness
0x	• Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
0x	• Civic Literacy
0x	• Health Literacy
0x	• Environmental Literacy
	• Communication and Collaboration
	• Creativity and Innovation
	• Critical thinking and Problem Solving
	• ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
	• Information Literacy
	• Life and Career Skills
	• Media Literacy

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	• Civic Literacy
	• Environmental Literacy
	• Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
	• Global Awareness
	• Health Literacy

## **Differentiation**

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### **1. Content**

- Match vocabulary words to definitions.
- Read a passage of text and answer related questions.
- Think of a situation that happened to a character in the story and a different outcome.
- Differentiate fact from opinion in the story.
- Identify an author's position and provide evidence to support this viewpoint.
- Create a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the lesson.

### **2. Process**

- Provide textbooks for visual and word learners.
- Allow auditory learners to listen to audio books.
- Give kinesthetic learners the opportunity to complete an interactive assignment online.

### **3. Product**

- Read and write learners write a book report.
- Visual learners create a graphic organizer of the story.
- Auditory learners give an oral report.
- Kinesthetic learners build a diorama illustrating the story.

### **4. Learning environment**

- Break some students into reading groups to discuss the assignment.
- Allow students to read individually if preferred.
- Create quiet spaces where there are no distractions.

**Differentiations:**

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

**Hi-Prep Differentiations:**

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments

- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

#### **Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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Please identify the **Special Education Learning** adaptations that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multiple test sessions

- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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Please identify the **English Language Learning** adaptations that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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Please identify Intervention Strategies that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information



- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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Please identify the **Talented and Gifted** adaptations that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## Sample Lesson

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Unit Name: Vietnam

Students will understand and explain why the US went to war while also understand why it was difficult to get out of the war.

Interdisciplinary Connection: Language Arts

Statement of Objective: Students will understand why the war divided the county.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now:

- 1-Minute research
- 3-5 questions
- Quick Video

Learning Activity: Students are working in tiered groups on a series of research questions that would give them an idea of what the first settlers encountered in North America.

Student Assessment/CFU's:

- Creative Writing
- Exam/Quiz
- Class Participation

Materials: Laptop, LCD, Text Maps, handouts,

21st Century Themes and Skills:

- Civic literacy
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Differentiation: Tiered grouping, these groups are put together during the first few weeks of school and will change during the school year.

Integration of Technology:Laptop, LCD, INTERNET