Vietnam War Destiny Activity

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1. Read about causes of the Vietnam War. Explore any of the links within this first resource to clarify any confusing information and deepen your understanding.

Which two of the given causes of the Vietnam War do you think were the strongest factors contributing to the outbreak of war. Please explain.

2-4. The years of 1964-1968 were defined by fighting, fighting, and more fighting with little gains for either side, but significant losses of life. Read and watch resources 2 through 4 then answer the following questions.

Who were the Vietcong?

What is guerilla warfare?

What is your impression of what the U.S. soldiers experienced during their time in Vietnam?

5 and 6. The My Lai (pronounced Mee Lie) Massacre. Read resource 5 then watch PART of the video in resource 6. \*\*\***Start the video at 33:20 minutes and end the video at 50:35 minutes.**

Defend or oppose the actions of the U.S. soldiers involved in this event. Explain your position.

7-9. Watch, view, listen to resources 7 through 9.

Briefly describe the progression of the Anti-War Movement and what Americans were protesting during the Vietnam War.

10-12. Read, watch, and listen to resources 10 through 12. (Note: Walter Cronkite was a very well-known and respected journalist).

What was the Tet Offensive?

What is the significance of ***this*** conflict among the many conflicts in Vietnam?

13. Watch the video and share 3 interesting/concerning facts.

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14. Read resource 14. Why were Vietnam veterans disrespected and met with disdain when they returned from the war?

15. Read about the Pentagon Papers.

What do you feel the information contained in the writings/recordings says about the U.S. government, U.S. presidents/the presidency, and wartime/international conflicts and policy?

16. Listen to the song. Final thoughts about the