

Unit 13 Organizer: Vietnam War & the 1970s

The Big Picture:

In 1965, the United States became involved in the Vietnam War. In order to contain the spread of communism in Southeast Asia, the USA began sending military troops to support the democratic government of South Vietnam. With casualties mounting on the battlefield and increasing deployment of Americans to Asia, the Vietnam conflict sparked a massive anti-war protest in America. In addition, the late 1960s and 1970s were defined by numerous “power movements,” groups that demanded equality (including African Americans, women, Mexican-Americans, people accused of crimes). The youthful, “hippie” counter-culture was a visible part of the era as well. Conservative Americans reacted to the counter-culture protests by electing Richard Nixon into office in 1968. Despite great success in dealing with China, the Soviet Union, and the economy, Nixon’s involvement in the Watergate scandal led to widespread distrust of the government. Nixon’s successors, Presidents Ford and Carter, did little to instill hope among Americans.

<u>Last Unit:</u> Civil Rights, JFK & LBJ (1960 - 1968)	<u>Current Unit:</u> Vietnam War & the 1970s (1965 - 1980)	<u>Next Unit:</u> 1980 TO THE PRESENT
Schedule & Homework:	Key Terms and Phrases:	
3/30 The Vietnam War	3/30 Read 30.1	1. Ho Chi Minh
3/31 The Vietnam War	3/31 Read 30.2	2. Tonkin Gulf Resolution, 1964
4/1 The Vietnam War	4/1 Read 30.3	3. Tet Offensive, 1968
4/2 Spring Diagnostic Test	4/2 Read 30.4	4. War Powers Act of 1973
4/3 1968	4/13 Read 30.5 & 31.1	5. “New Left”
SPRING BREAK	4/15 Read 31.2 & 31.3	6. Stokely Carmichael
4/13 Power Movement Stations	4/18 Read pgs. 900-901	7. “Black Power”
4/14 Social Protest & Counter-Culture	4/16 Read 32.1	8. NOW
4/15 Hippie Day (1960s Culture)	4/17 Read 32.2	9. Equal Pay Act, Title VII, and Title IX
4/16 President Nixon	4/20 Read 32.3	10. “La Raza”
4/17 Supreme Court Cases		11. Cesar Chavez and the UFW
4/20-4/24 Modern Presidents		12. Gideon v Wainwright
		13. Roe v. Wade
		14. <i>Regents of Univ. of CA v Bakke</i>
		15. <i>Miranda v Arizona</i>
		16. Richard Nixon
		17. Détente
		18. Vietnamization
		19. SALT
		20. Watergate
		21. Gerald Ford
		22. Jimmy Carter
		23. OPEC
		24. Camp David Accords
		25. Iranian Hostage Crisis
Essential Questions:		AKS
1. How did the U.S. get itself into the Vietnam conflict and why was it unable to win the war?		1. AKS #49d
2. How successful were the various demands for social change in the 1970s?		2. AKS #53b - f
3. In what ways did Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter each fail to meet the challenges of the 1970s?		3. AKS #54a - c

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Chapter 30, Section 1

1. What was the difference between the “Vietminh” and the “Vietcong”?
2. What act of Congress gave President Johnson (LBJ) broad military powers in Vietnam?

Chapter 30, Section 2

3. In what ways was Vietnam America’s first “living room war”?

Chapter 30, Section 3

4. In what way was the Vietnam War a “lower class” war?
5. What was the SDS?

Chapter 30, Section 4

6. How did the Tet Offensive in 1968 change attitudes among many Americans towards the Vietnam War?
7. Why were so many antiwar protesters in Chicago in August 1968?
8. Who was elected president in 1968?

Chapter 30, Section 5

9. What did Nixon mean by his policy of “Vietnamization”?
10. Why were four students killed at Kent State and two students killed at Jackson State in May 1970?

Chapter 31, Section 1

11. Who was the leader of the United Farm Workers?

Chapter 31, Section 2

12. Who wrote *The Feminine Mystique*?
13. What Supreme Court ruling in 1973 guaranteed a woman’s right to an abortion during the first three months of a pregnancy?

14. What was the ERA? Who was the leader of the anti – ERA movement?

Chapter 31, Section 3

15. What British rock band “took the country by storm” in 1964, helping to propel rock and roll into the mainstream of American culture?

Chapter 32, Section 1

16. What Supreme Court ruling authorized the use of busing students to achieve racial integration?
17. What was the significance of Nixon’s visit to China?
18. What two countries agreed to limit nuclear missiles in 1972?

Chapter 32, Section 2

19. What was the Nixon Administration trying to “cover up” that led to the Watergate scandal?

Chapter 32, Section 3

20. What issue, according to Jimmy Carter, was the greatest crisis facing the United States?
21. What 1978 Supreme Court ruling declared the affirmative action policies of Univ of CA unconstitutional?

22. Why did the Soviet Union invade Afghanistan?

23. What was the impact of the Iranian Hostage Crisis in 1979?

Chapter 32, Section 4

24. Whose book *Silent Spring* cautioned Americans to the dangers of pesticides?

25. Which president was responsible for the creation of the EPA in 1970?