**THE VIETNAM WAR**

The Vietnam War **broke out** on ........................................................................................ and ended on ........................................................................................, resulting in more than ........................................ killed, over 300,000 ...................................... and 14,000 disabled. It is the ......................................... war in U.S. history.

**Background of the war**

Before the war broke out, Vietnam was a ........................... colony invaded by the Japanese during World War 2. But in 1945 the ....................... returned to control Vietnam. They were sent aid by ............................................... .

**Reasons for U.S. involvement**

President Truman (1945 -1953) **promote**d a policy of ..........................................., consisting in resisting ......................  
...................................................................................... around the world. After him, President ..................................... **threw light on** his famous "........................... ........................................", that is a belief that if a country fell to communism, **neighbouring** countries would fall too.

**A divided Vietnam**

In July 1954, the .......................................................................... were signed: Vietnam was divided near the ...............  
.....................................................into two separate nations:  
- North Vietnam, which was a ....................................................................... led by ........................................................  
- South Vietnam, led by Ngo Dinh Diem, placed **in office** by the United States. Ngo Dinh Diem was a ............................ who wanted to restrict ....................................... practices across South Vietnam.

**A focus on the 1960s**

In 1964, North Vietnamese forces attacked US **Navy** ships in the ..............................................................., which led him to sign the .................................................................. Resolution, which gave President Johnson (1963 -1969) authorization to ...................................................................................................................... without a formal declaration of war by the Congress.  
By the end of 1966, ................................................ troops were in Vietnam.  
In 1968, the North Vietnamese Army and the ..................................................... (nationalist and communist liberation front in South Vietnam) launched the ............................................................., attacking nearly 30 U.S. **target**s and dozens of other cities in South Vietnam all at once. It turned out to be a defeat for the U.S. side.  
As a **reprisal**/**retaliation**/**payback**, frustrated U.S. soldiers killed hundreds of unarmed Vietnamese civilians in a small village called ................................................. .  
  
**The anti-war movement**

It **gain**ed **momentum** as student protesters, countercultural ................................. and many **mainstream** Americans opposed the war. This movement was associated with ............................................................... and ............................. .................................. : in other words **civilian**s refused to be sent to war or stay on the **battlefield**.

After the 1960s, President Nixon promoted ...................................................................................................................., promising to **withdraw**/**remove** U.S. troops gradually and **hand over** the **management** of the war effort to South Vietnam. A ............................................ was ratified in January 1973: the last U.S. troops left in March 1973. This war was considered a traumatizing defeat in the U.S. history, Americans began to **distrust** and **question** the ............................ and the ...................................................................... was enacted in 1973, forbidding the President to send troops without congressional **consent**/**approval**.