

DEAR AMERICA: LETTERS HOME FROM VIETNAM
PART I

1. What piece of legislation is passed in August 1964?
2. When do the first American combat troops arrive in Vietnam?
3. What reason do some soldiers give for fighting Vietnam?
4. Who is the commander in charge of U.S. troops in Vietnam?
5. Explain the U.S. soldiers frustration with the V.C.
6. How many U.S. troops are in Vietnam by Dec. 31, 1965?
7. Which side controls the day, and which side controls the night?
8. Explain Richard Cantale's experience in Vietnam.
9. Discuss how one soldier describes the country of Vietnam. According to this soldier, what should be the reason the U.S. is fighting in Vietnam?
10. Why is it so hard to fight against this enemy in Vietnam?
11. List five common words or phrases used in the war. Be sure to define each term or phrase.

After Viewing: Why is the United States in Vietnam? Why is this going to turn out to be such a difficult war?

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PART II

1. How many troops were in Vietnam in 1966? How many were killed in action?
2. How does LBJ describe the current situation in Vietnam in 1967?
3. Why is Raymond Griffiths not truthful with his parents about his experience? Why does he think he will make it out alive?
4. What is the average age of the combat soldier?
5. How many troops are in Vietnam in 1967? How many are killed in action?
6. Discuss what happens Jan. 1968 at Khe Sanh.
7. How many Marines are defending Khe Sanh? How many enemy troops have surrounded them?
8. What is the Tet Offensive?
9. What is Operation Niagara?
10. What is one of the biggest mistakes you can make in Vietnam?
11. How long did it take for the Marines to break out of Khe Sanh?
12. Discuss the impact of the Tet offensive had on the war.
13. Who are the real heroes in this war?
14. Who wins the presidential election in 1968?
15. How many troops are in Vietnam in 1968? How many have been killed?
16. What decision did Nixon make in regards to Vietnam?
17. Describe what happened at My Lai?
18. How does John Houghton describe his condition?
19. What happened at Kent State?
20. How many Americans lost their lives in the Vietnam War?