

Enrichment: Conflict and Tension in Asia 1950-75

General resource - podcasts:

Revisionist History New takes on a wide range of historical events, people and ideas along with unusual and undiscovered stories. Episodes cover everything from civil rights to our relationship with technology. References and extras can also be found on the website. revisionisthistory.com

SUGGESTED WEBSITES

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

<http://vietnam.vassar.edu/>

http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/history/volume_vi/exchanges.html

<http://www.sparknotes.com/history/american/coldwar/>

<http://www.globalissues.org/article/402/media-propaganda-and-vietnam>

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/vietnam.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/mwh/vietnam/>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/picture_gallery/05/in_pictures_the_vietnam_war_/html/1.stm

<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/videos/vietnam-war/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2rqt6lzo0Y>

www.korean-war-commemoration.gov.au/coldwar-causes-in-korea (an interactive map which summarises the campaign)

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01b8f09

BBC Class Clips

www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zj26n39

www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war

www.history.com/topics/korean-war

www.iwm.org.uk

BBC HISTORY MAGAZINE ARTICLES (copies available on request from History Department)

-December 2018, Max Hastings, 'It was like trying to use a flamethrower to weed a flower border' (horrors of the Vietnam War as told by an eyewitness)

-December 2018, David Reynolds. 'The Big Three's war of words' (about the relationship between Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt during their fight against Nazism in WWII)

NON-FICTION

Herr, Michael: Dispatches

Written by an American journalist who witnessed the war in Vietnam

Duong Thu Huong: Novel Without a Name

An account of the Vietnam War from a former member of the Vietnamese Communist Party

VIETNAM WAR IN FICTION

Some suggested fiction books to support the study of this unit:

JF = junior fiction

AF = adult fiction

Greene, Graham: The Quiet American

An anti-war novel written at the time of the Indo-French conflict before the Vietnam War.

Gifford, Clive: Water Puppets JF

This story is set in a small village in South Vietnam in 1967, at the height of the war. Thirteen-year-old Xuan is horrified when his village is destroyed in a bomb attack. He and his family are forced to make a dangerous journey through their war-torn country in the hope of finding sanctuary with his brother in Saigon. Their arrival in the capital coincides with the Tet Offensive.

Dowell, Frances O'Roark: Shooting the Moon JF

Twelve-year-old Jamie is excited when she hears her older brother, T.J., has enlisted in the Army. Their father is a Colonel and she would love to fight for her country too. She is surprised when their father does not want T.J. to go to Vietnam.

Jamie's perspective of the young child who sees war as glamour and heroes quickly changes when she starts seeing what is going on in Vietnam. The emotions and feelings of soldiers and families help the reader to empathise with the situation at home and in the war.

Hughes, Dean: Search and Destroy JF

Recent high school graduate Rick Ward, undecided about his future and eager to escape his unhappy home life, joins the army and experiences the horrors of the war in Vietnam.

Mason, Bobbie Ann: In Country JF

In the summer of 1984, seventeen-year-old Sam Hughes is living in a small town in Kentucky. Her father was killed in Vietnam and her gentle, traumatized Uncle Emmett is suffering from the effects of Agent Orange.

Sam's growing awareness of the reality of the war, of the scars and the guilt, becomes an obsession when she falls in love with Tom at a Veteran's dance.

Through her father's letters and the journal he kept 'in country', Sam begins a journey of exploration that takes her across America and helps her to come to terms with the past.

Myers, Walter Dean: Fallen Angels JF

A coming-of-age tale for young adults set in the trenches of the Vietnam War in the late 1960s. Perry, a Harlem teenager, volunteers for service when his dream of attending college fails. Sent to the front lines, Perry and his platoon come face-to-face with the Vietcong and the real horror of warfare. As Perry struggles to find virtue in himself and his comrades, he questions why black

troops are given the most dangerous assignments, and why the U.S. is there at all.

O'Brien, Tim: *The Things They Carried* AF

This is a sequence of stories that has the unity of a novel, with recurring characters and interwoven strands of plot and theme. It aims to summarize America's involvement in Vietnam, and her coming to terms with that experience in the years that followed. Written by a soldier who served in Vietnam.

FILM AND TELEVISION

Please check age rating and suitability of the following before watching:

Films:

Forrest Gump (film)

Good Morning, Vietnam (film)

M*A*S*H* (TV programme - light satire about Korean War)

Documentaries:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7880851CC3FC8C25> (a documentary in six ten minute instalments. Peter and Dan Snow look at the Korean War itself as well as the two Koreas today)

<https://youtu.be/7tNTh6KIXXU> (25 min overview of America's involvement in Vietnam)

<https://youtu.be/pgcFqraekE> (20 mins animated documentary from Vietnamese perspective)

<https://youtu.be/lamH8GQUkMU> (10 mins booby traps)

<https://youtu.be/5SjD279yvLU> (Vietnam)

Vietnam: the Killing Zone

The Korean War - Fire and Ice

These documentaries cover the events of the wars, including archive footage and real life testimonials.

