

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/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpcbv4j> (BBC Bitesize)

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=q2rgt6lzo0Y>

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

<https://classroom.thenationalacademy/units/the-cold-war-superpower-relations-from-1941-1991-d369> (Oak National Academy's videos and other resources about the Cold War era in general)

*Youtube - the 'I'm stuck' series. Search 'I'm stuck' on Youtube. You will then see a whole section 'The Vietnam War' made up of a number of short videos. There is also a 'Cold War' section - in this, videos 1, 17-19, 22, 29-30, 33-38 will be most useful to you

*Youtube - The Vietnam War playlist from 'Simple History' (a series of animated clips):
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLu2xst_eS6druLUaz4d290aAowzbTX7GW

monkeymonkeyrevision.co.uk

*GCSE POD - you can access this through the Goldington Academy website. This contains a large number of short video clips linked directly to our units of study

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)

-July 2020, Grace Huxford, 'The Forgotten Korean War' (an exploration of why the conflict quickly faded from British minds)

<https://www.historyextra.com/> is the home of BBC magazine articles and podcasts. You can search by topic

OTHER JOURNAL ARTICLES (copies available on request from History Department)

Vietnam: Why did the Americans get involved? - GCSE Hindsight Magazine

Vietnam - The Controversial War - GCSE Hindsight Magazine

Vietnam - why couldn't the Americans win? - GCSE Hindsight Magazine

The American Film Industry and Vietnam - History Today

Fighting While Negotiating - Modern History Review
The end of French rule in Vietnam - 20th Century History Review
The Truman Doctrine
The USA and Asian Nationalism - 20th Century History Review
Turning Points in the Vietnam War - History Review
A deadly game of dominoes: US engagement in Vietnam - 20th Century History Review
The US in Asia - Modern History Review
Vietnam and the anti-war movement - 20th Century History Review

NON-FICTION BOOKS

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

The Clever Teens' Guide to the Cold War by Felix Rhodes

The perfect guide for background reading or revision. From the end of World War Two to the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 the world lived within the shadow of the Cold War. For almost half a century the East and the West eyed each other with suspicion and often hostility. Two ideologies, two political systems, two cultures, two superpowers fought for dominance, each firm in the belief that history would prove them right. And all the time the threat of World War Three remained a distinct possibility, the spectre of nuclear weapons a constant fear. *The Clever Teens' Guide to The Cold War* provides a concise account of the political tensions that arose as the world rebuilt after World War Two - an era beset by the constant fear of nuclear weapons and the looming threat of a Third World War.

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 First Indo-China War, 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 veterans' 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 the 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

Good Morning, Vietnam

Platoon (cert. 15)

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

Hearts and Minds (Vietnam)

The Quiet American (cert. 15). Set in Vietnam during the First Indo-China War

Operation Chromite (cert. 15). Based on real events in Korea

The Post (cert. PG+). Based on real events during the Vietnam War.

Documentaries:

Ken Burns, 'The Vietnam War'. A documentary in 10 episodes

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3H6z037pboGWTxs3xGP7HRGrQ5dOOdGc> This CNN documentary is about the whole Cold War, across 24 episodes

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYgA1_PUbd9dbrhm9h7a_ZCMna4j7GsZC (A whole series of short video clips that explain all aspects of the Cold War itself as well as the Korean and Vietnam Wars)

<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://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL039AF0760E75F6A8> (a documentary in six ten minute instalments. Peter and Dan Snow look at the Vietnam War)

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

https://youtu.be/_pgcFqraekE (20 minute animated documentary from Vietnamese perspective)

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

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC510QYlOIKNyhy_zdQxnGYw/videos (A large number of history-related short clips - some of which are based on the Asia unit)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwWptGvKAFA> (The priests and nuns who opposed the Vietnam War)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2IcmLkuhG0&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMwmepBjTSG593eG7ObzO7s&index=40> (Video - Crash Course in history, focusing on the Korean and Vietnam Wars)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDfUi116zWM> (Saigon has fallen - documentary)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000nr87/the-mole-infiltrating-north-korea-series-1-part-2> This two-part BBC Panorama documentary is a real-life undercover programme about two men who embark on a dangerous ten-year mission to penetrate the world's most secretive and brutal dictatorship - North Korea

Four Hours in My Lai - TV documentary from 1989

Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam (cert. PG+). A documentary featuring letters written by US soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines during the Vietnam War to their families back home.

World History documentaries on Youtube has quite a few episodes based around the Vietnam War

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.