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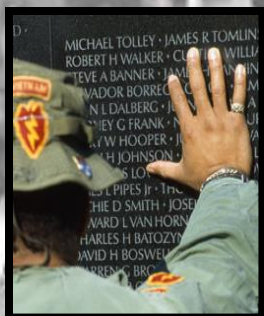
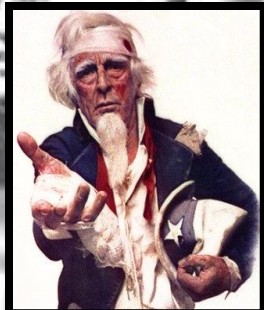
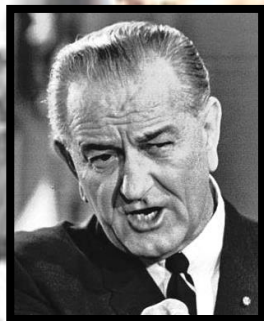


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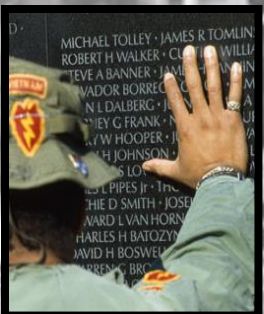
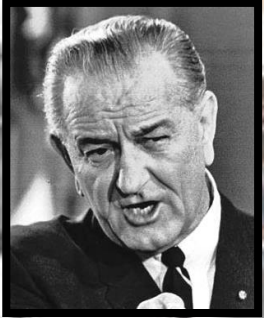


VIETNAM WAR:

The **Vietnam War** is also called the **Second Indochina War**.

It was **fought in Vietnam** from **1955-1975**.

It was **fought between Communist North Vietnam and South Vietnam**; **South Vietnam** was aided by the **U.S.**



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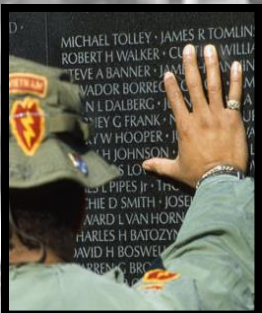
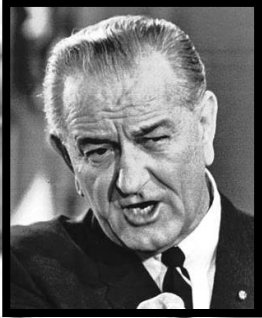
The **First Indochina War** was fought from 1946-1954 and was a struggle for Vietnam's independence from France.

France lost.

The country stayed divided into North and South Vietnam along the 17th parallel.



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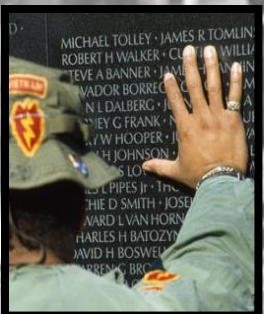
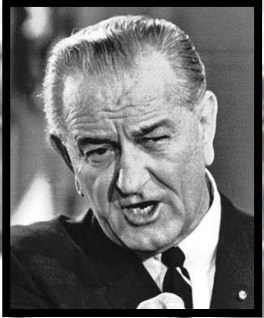


VIETNAM WAR:

The **North** came under the control of Vietnamese **Communists** who had opposed France and wanted a unified Communist Vietnam.

The **South** was controlled by **non-Communist Vietnamese**.

U.S. believed communism posed a threat in Asia.



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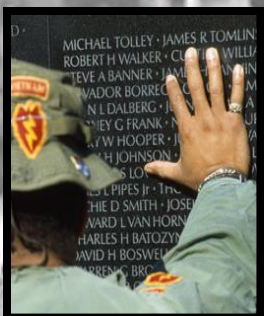
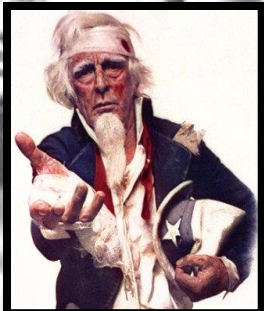
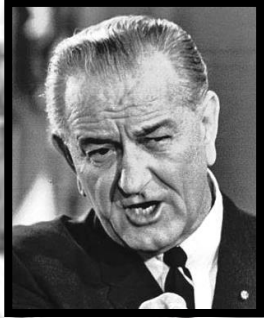


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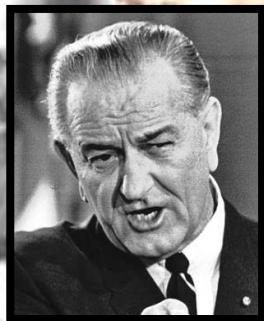
The U.S. feared if Vietnam fell, communism would spread everywhere (“Domino Theory”).

This got the U.S. involved in the Korean War (1950-1953).

This policy is also known as “containment”.

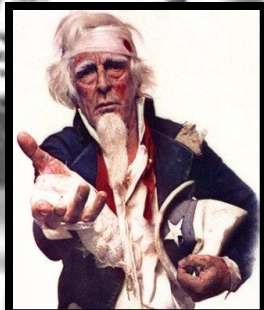


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VIETNAM WAR:

During the 1940s, Truman sent aid to help France in Indochina.



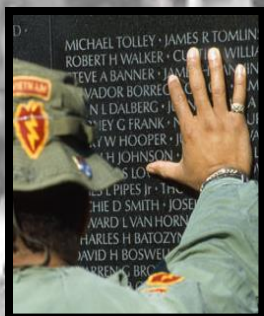
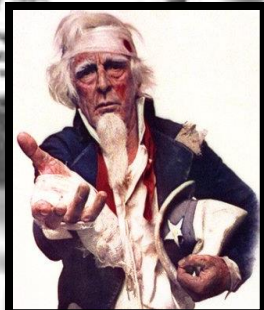
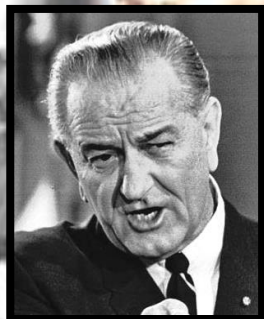
When France lost Battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954, U.S. grew especially concerned and stepped up involvement.



From 1955-1961, Eisenhower sent economic aid to South Vietnam.



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VIETNAM WAR:

In 1960, the Communists and the Nationalists in South Vietnam formed the National Liberation Front (NLF), a.k.a. Viet Cong.

The NLF was organized to challenge South Vietnam's President Ngo Dinh Diem and to foster unification.



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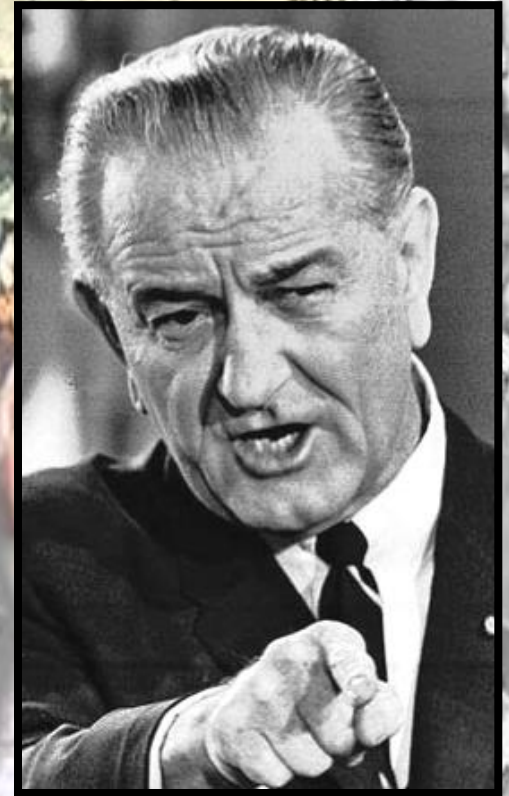
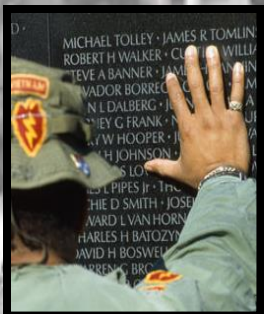
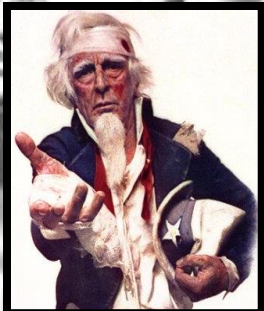
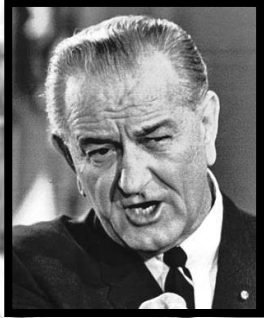


VIETNAM WAR:

JFK continued Ike's efforts by tripling U.S. aid to S. Vietnam; expanded number of military "advisers" from 700 to 16,000.

In 1963, JFK was assassinated and Lyndon Baines Johnson (a.k.a. LBJ) became President.

War became LBJ's "Waterloo".



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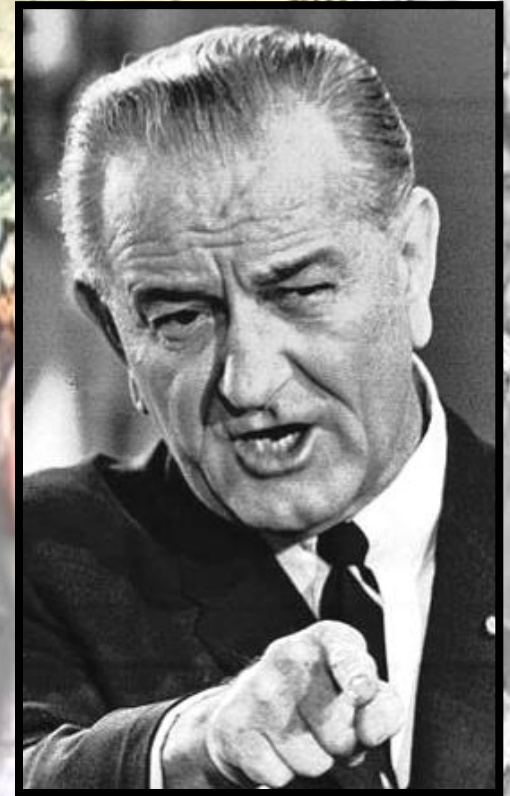
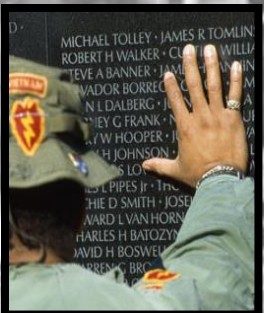
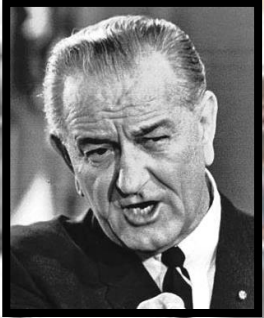


VIETNAM WAR:

LBJ inherited problem of U.S. commitment to South Vietnam.

LBJ's dilemma was this:

If he increased U.S. military aid, he would have to divert funds from his "Great Society" domestic programs... and in so doing, he might prod China or U.S.S.R. into war.



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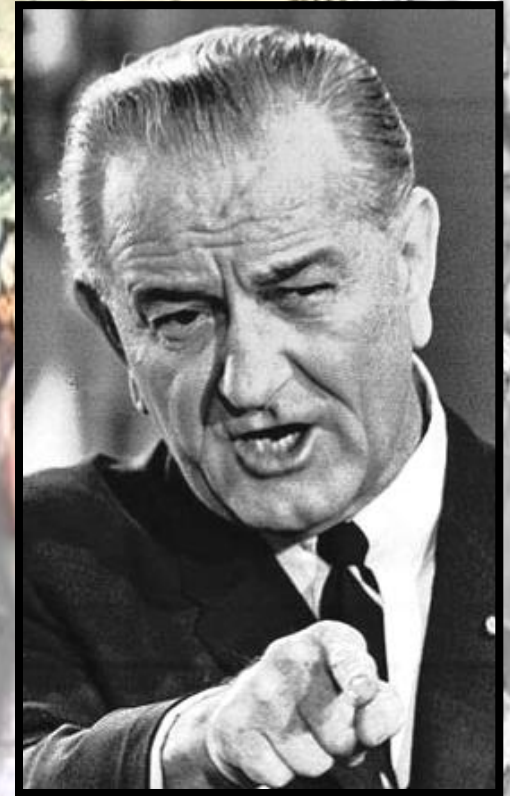
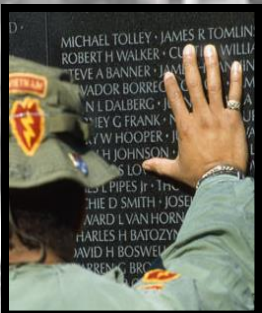
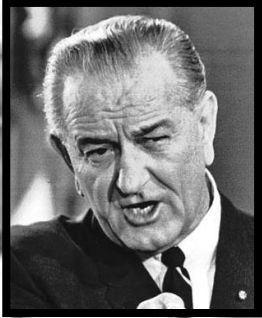




VIETNAM WAR:

If he withdrew aid, he risked being labeled “soft” on communism... but he also didn’t want to be the first President to lose a war.

In the end, he enlarged the war.



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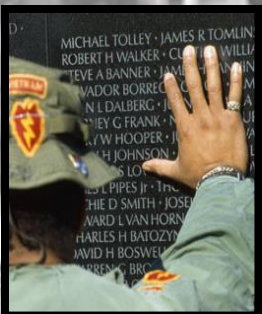
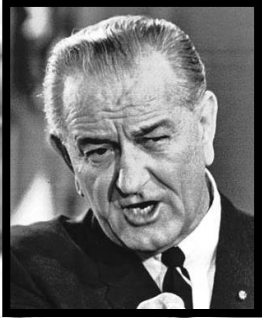
VIETNAM WAR:

After an allegedly unprovoked attack on U.S. warships in the Gulf of Tonkin in August 1964, LBJ authorized bombing raids on North Vietnam.

Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution that gave the President power to use military force in Vietnam.



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VIETNAM WAR:

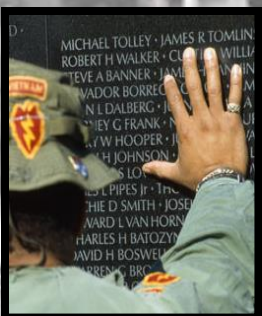
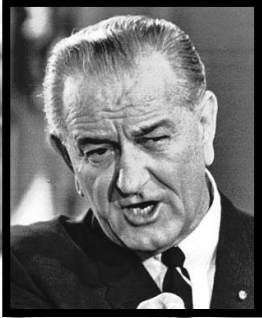
In **1965**, after a landslide victory in the Election of **1964** (when **voters endorsed his** platform of domestic reform but peace abroad), **LBJ** again **escalated U.S. involvement.**

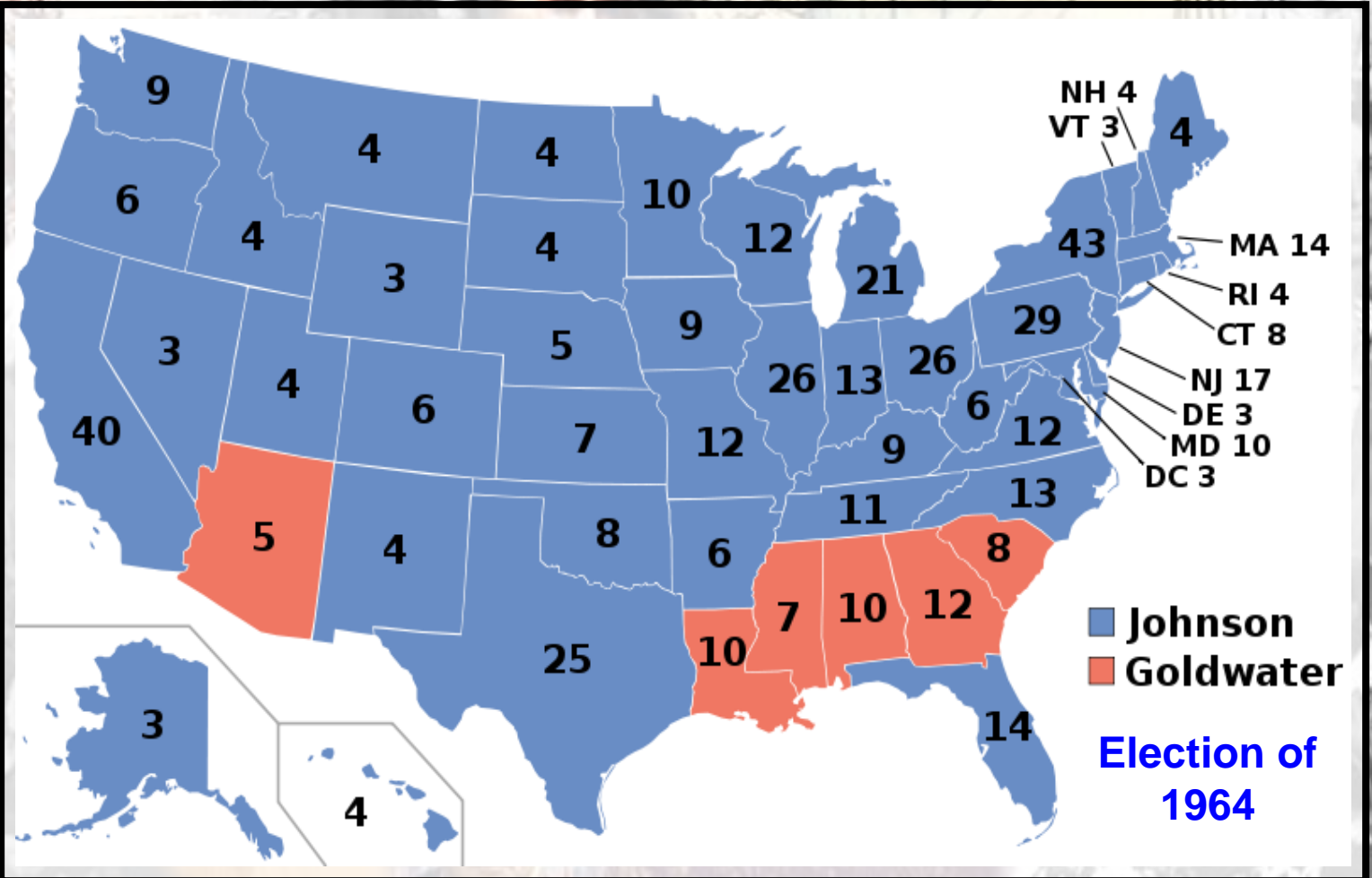
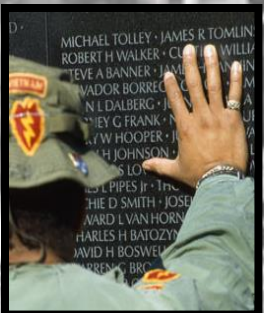
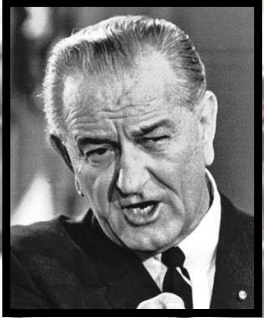
By 1968, over 500,000 U.S. troops were in Vietnam.

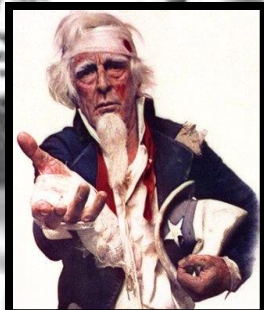
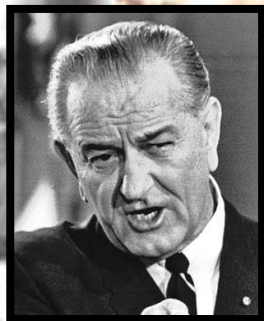
The Cold War was “hot” again.



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VIETNAM WAR:

U.S. never declared war on North Vietnam nor made a total commitment to winning.

Vietnam remained a “limited war”, one in which the U.S. refrained from employing *all* its military strength.

It is very difficult to win a war when you limit your troops.



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Vietnam War (1955-1975)

BATTLE

Ap Bac

January 2,
1963

Tien Giang,
SV

US/SV

NV



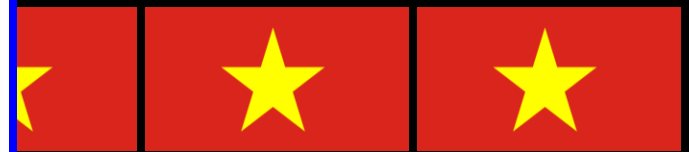
205 total
(US: 3 KIA, 8 WIA
SV: 86 KIA, 108
WIA)

57 total
(18 KIA,
39 WIA)

Viet Cong attack U.S. and SV
using guerilla warfare; shows
a divided South Vietnam.



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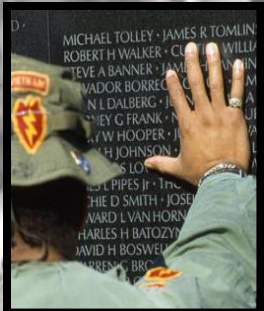
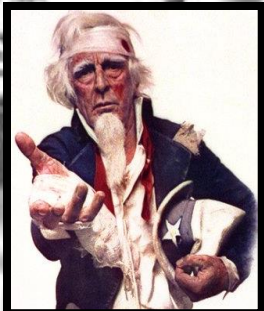
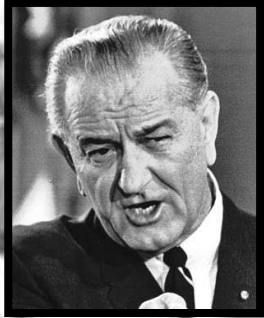




VIETNAM WAR:

In **November 1965**, the **1st Cavalry Division** fought one of the largest battles of the war in the **Ia Drang Valley**, inflicting a **serious defeat** on **North Vietnamese** forces.

The **North Vietnamese** and **NLF** forces **changed** their **tactics** as a **result** of the battle.



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Vietnam War (1955-1975)

BATTLE

Ia Drang Valley

November
14-19, 1965

Central
Highlands, SV



US/SV

NV

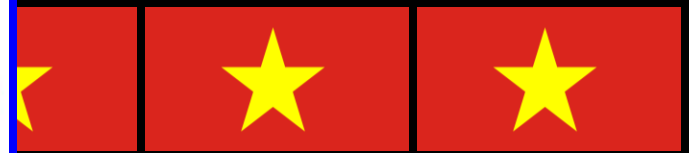
849 total
(US: 237 KIA, 258
WIA, 4 MIA
SV: 350 losses)

1,745 KIA

First battle between U.S. and
North Vietnamese troops; NV
changes tactics after defeat.



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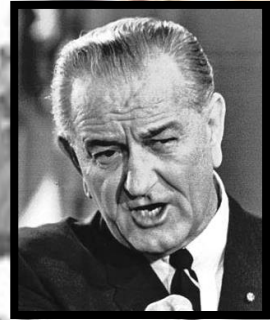
VIETNAM WAR:

From then on both would fight at times of their choosing, hitting rapidly, with surprise if possible, and then withdrawing just as quickly to avoid the impact of American firepower.

By 1967, the **ground war** had **reached a stalemate**, which led to increasing the air war.



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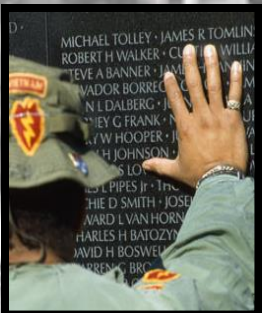
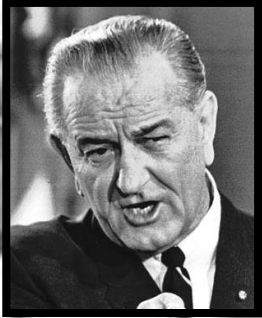


VIETNAM WAR:

U.S. General William Westmoreland sought to inflict heavy losses and destroy North Vietnam's morale.

Agent Orange and Napalm (deforestation weapons) were used; fierce guerilla war was waged.

N. Vietnamese were tenacious.



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Vietnam War (1955-1975)

BATTLE

Khe Sanh

January 21-
July 9, 1968

Khe Sanh, SV



US/SV

NV



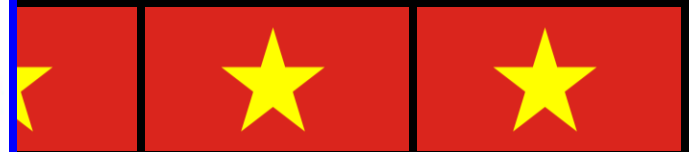
16,480 total
(US: 274 KIA,
2,541 WIA
SV: 1,665 losses,
Laos: 12,000 cas)

10,000 KIA

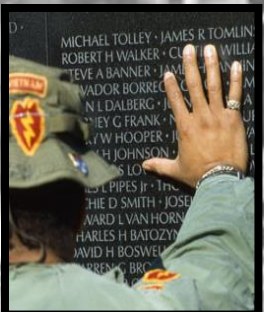
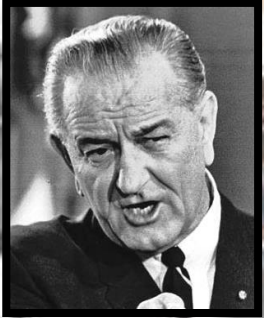
NV attacks in SV; U.S.
outnumbered and withdraws.
Both U.S. & NV claim victory.

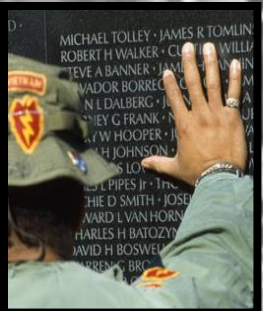
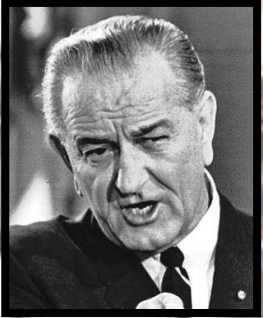


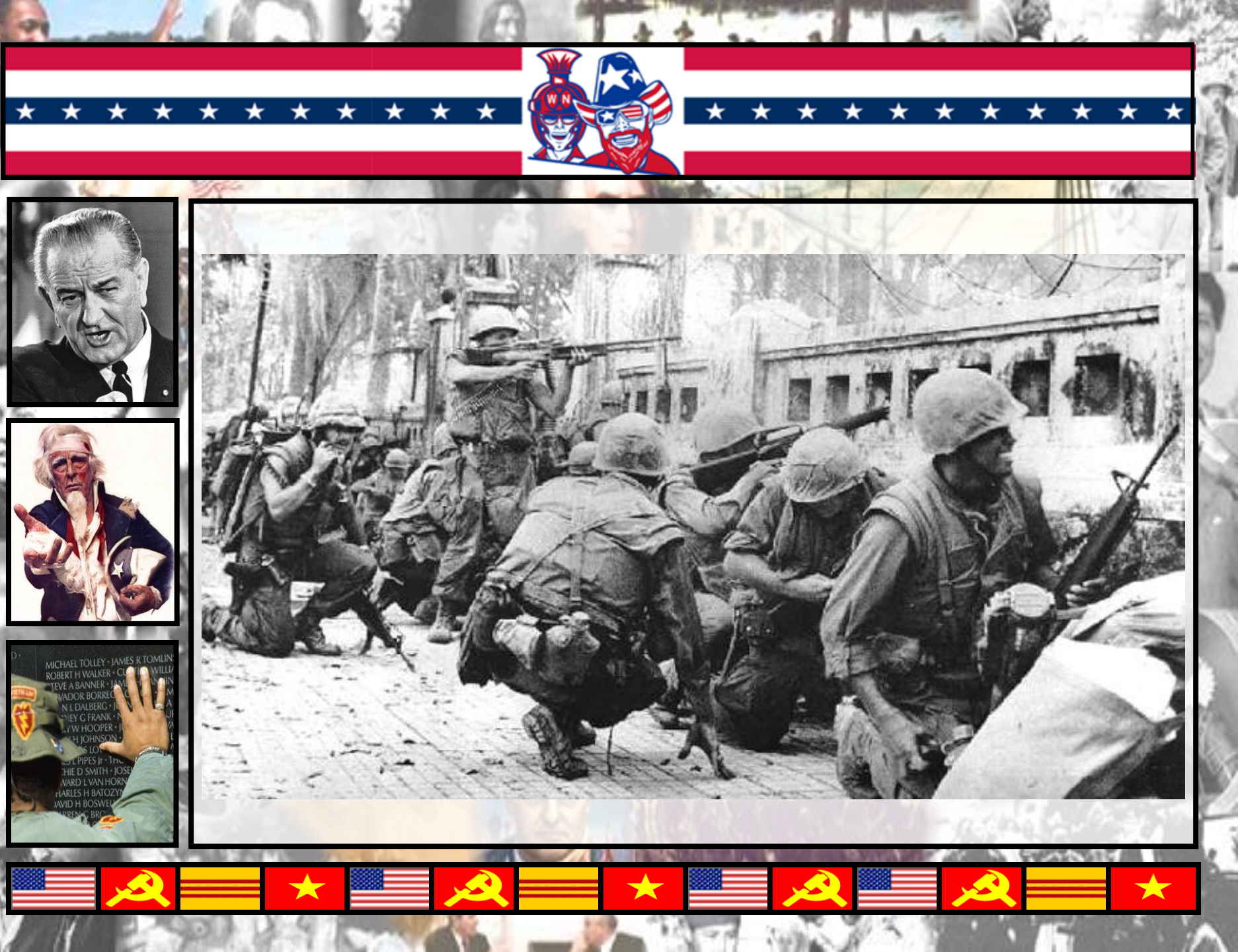
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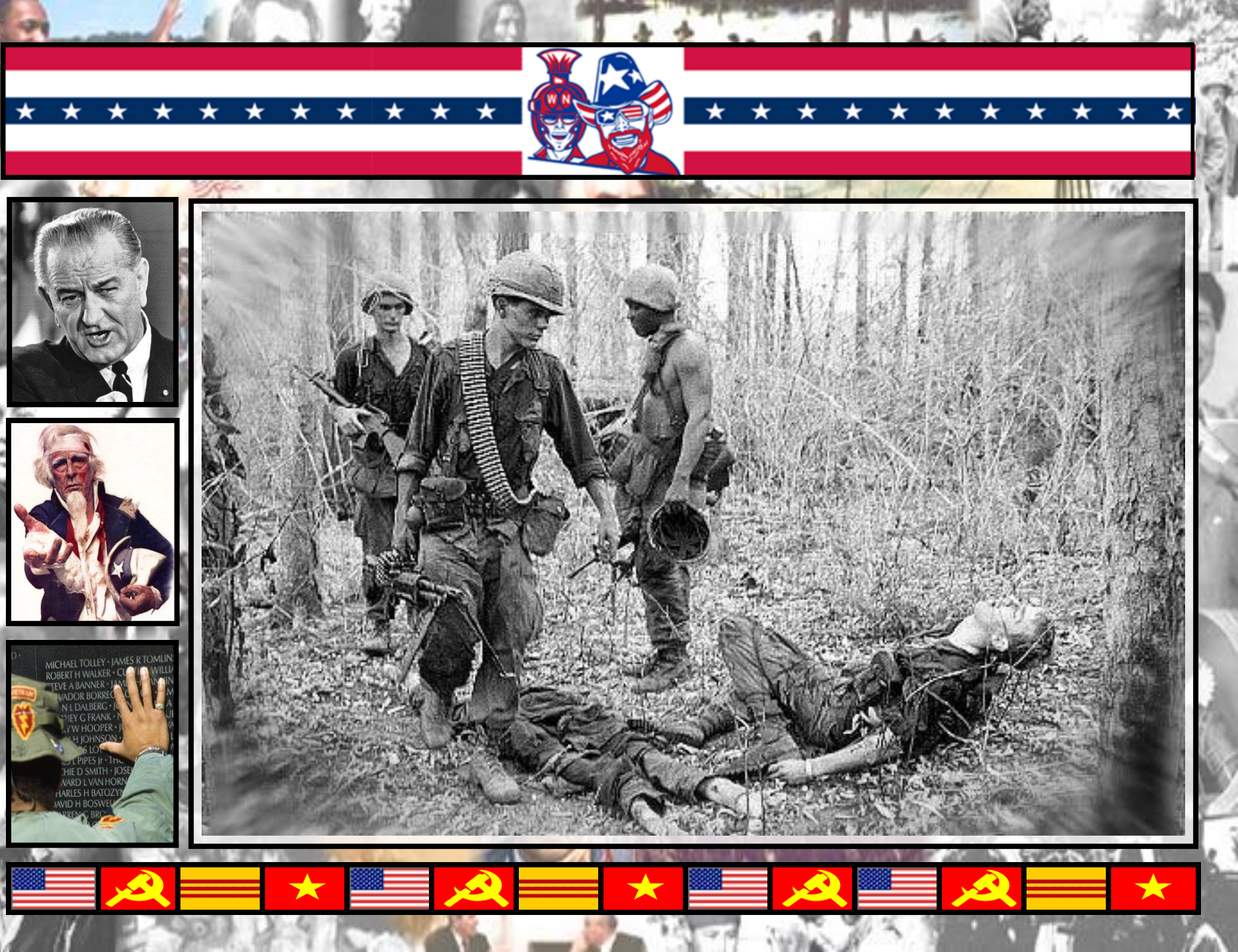
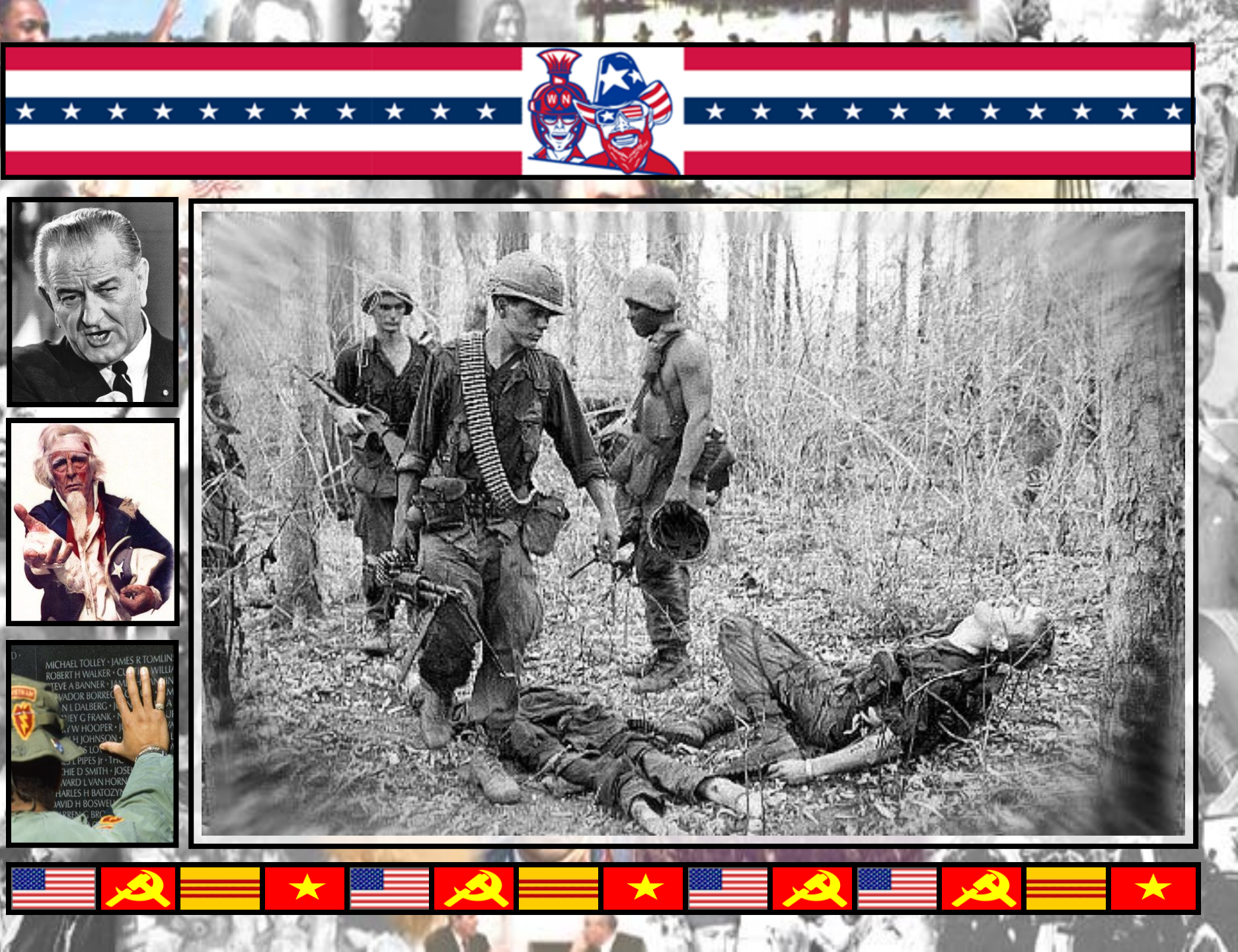
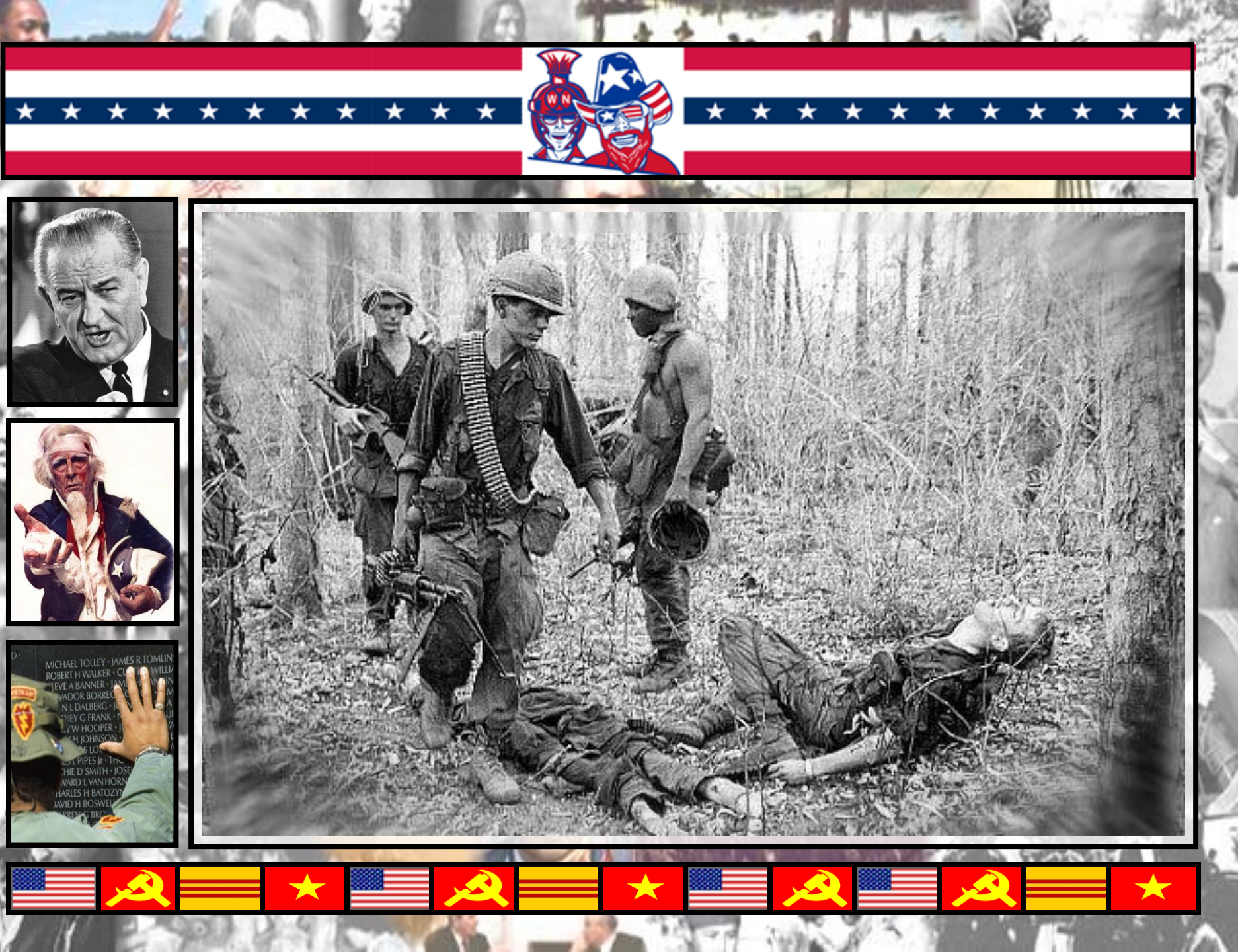
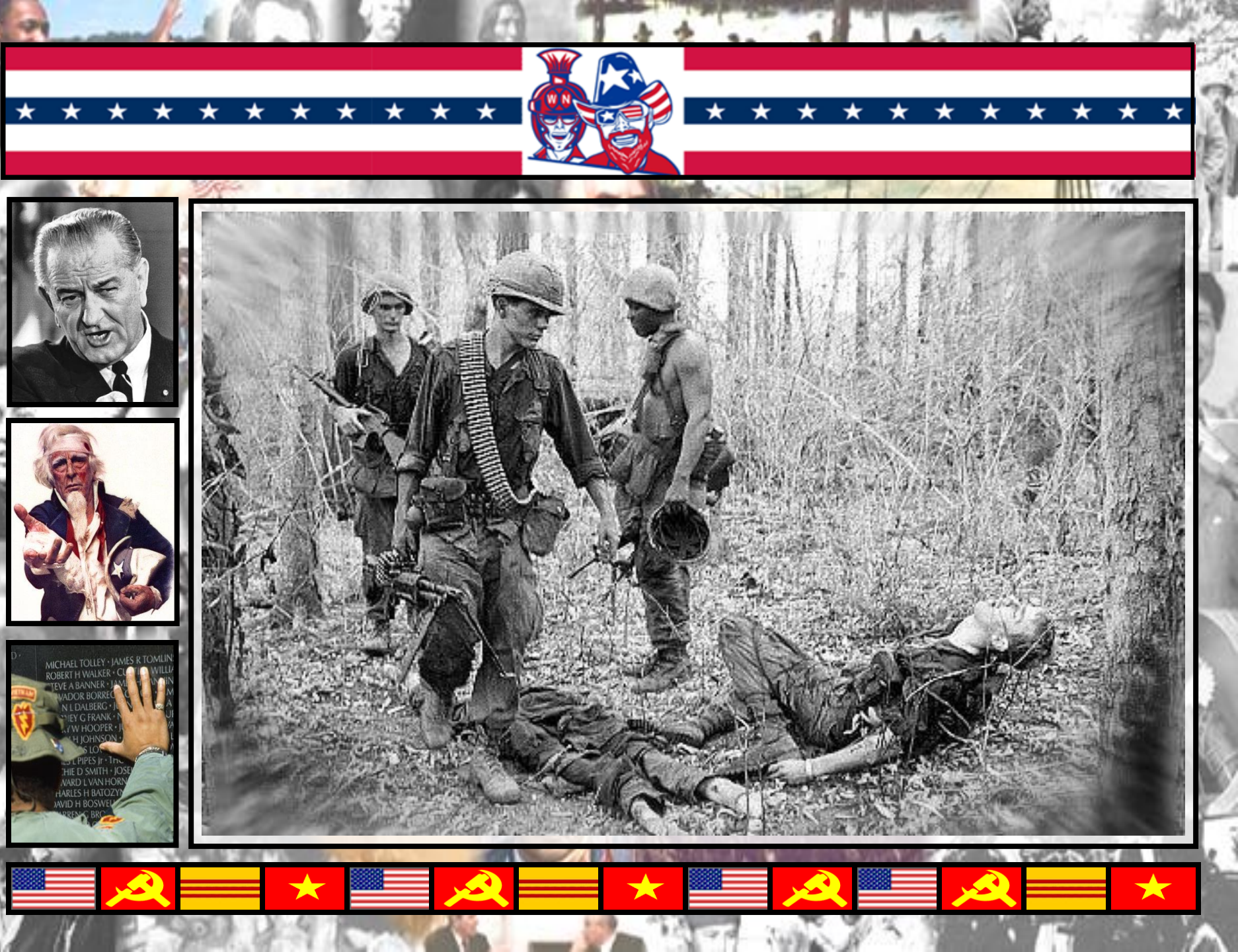














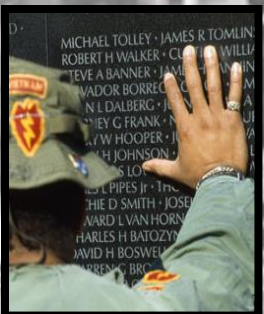
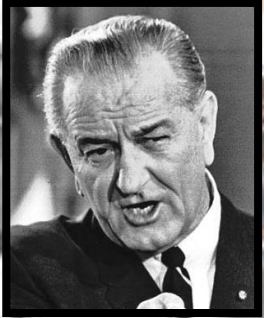


VIETNAM WAR:

In **January 1968**, North Vietnam launched Tet Offensive.

It **damaged U.S. forces** and troop morale **by reaching the American embassy in Saigon** (South Vietnamese capital).

U.S. stopped Tet Offensive, but took heavy losses.



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Vietnam War (1955-1975)

BATTLE

Tet Offensive

January 31-
March 28, 1968

South Vietnam



US/SV

NV



45,820 total
(US: 526 KIA,
1,364 WIA
SV: 21,797 losses
Allies: 22,133)

50,800 total
(45,000 KIA,
5,800 captured)

NV & Viet Cong attack U.S./SV
positions. Shows U.S. public
the U.S. is not winning war.



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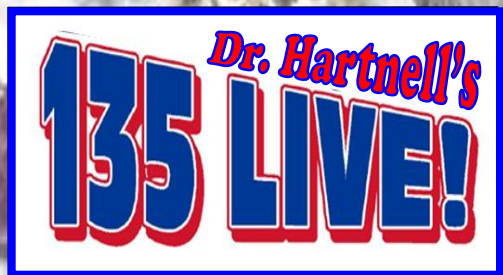
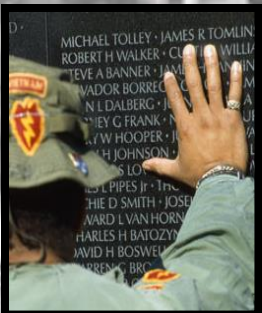
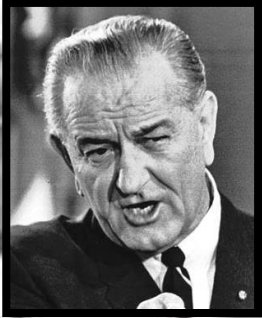


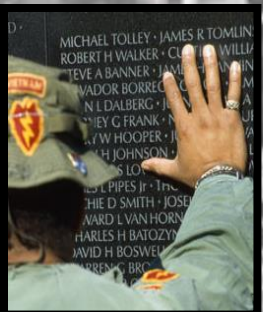
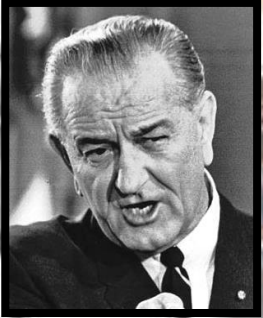
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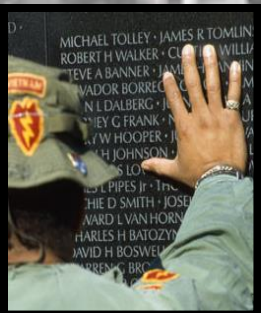
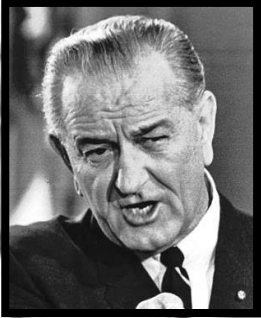
**Proved to U.S. public that
U.S. was NOT winning the war.**

**Americans couldn't see end;
Anti-Vietnam War Movement
had arisen in 1964 and 1965 as
LBJ escalated the conflict.**

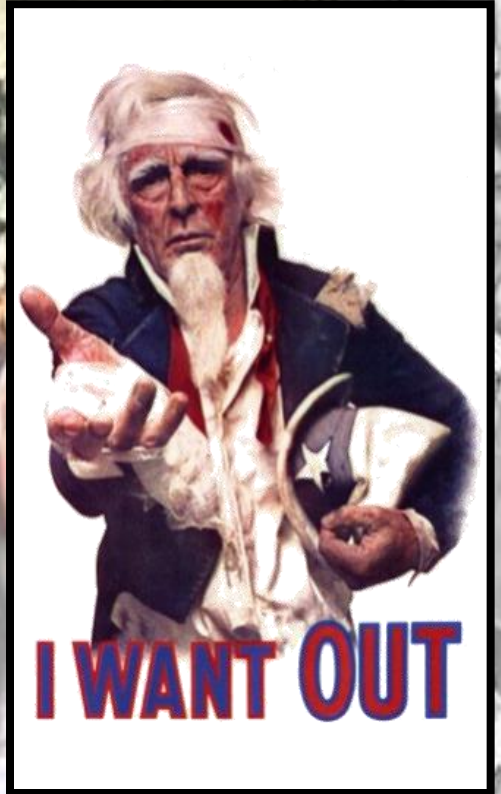
**Protests came in the form of
marches, boycotts, rallies, etc.**







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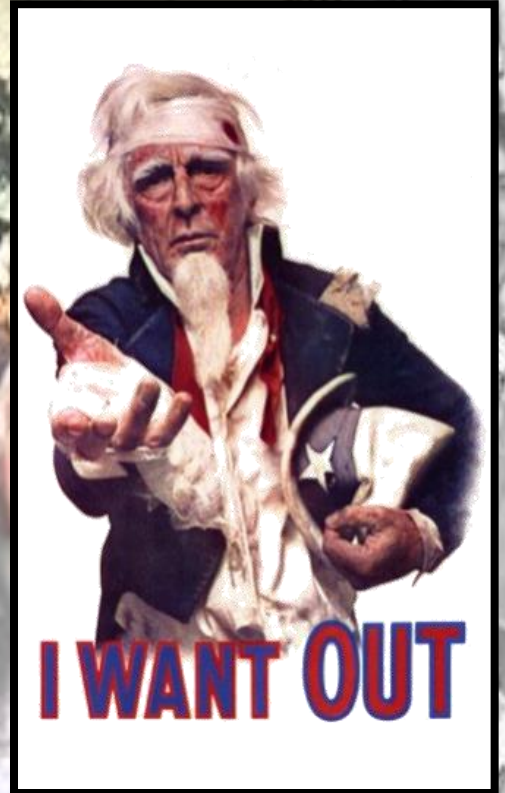
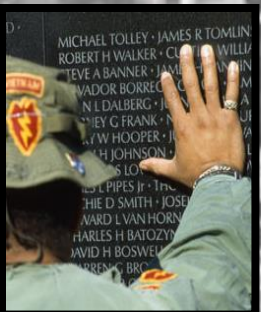
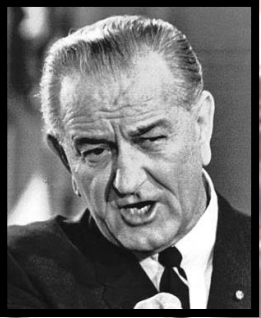


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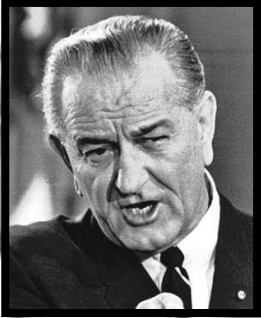


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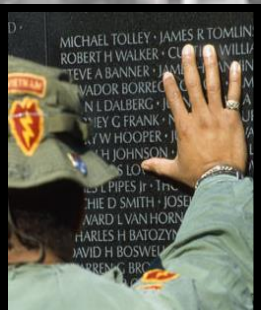


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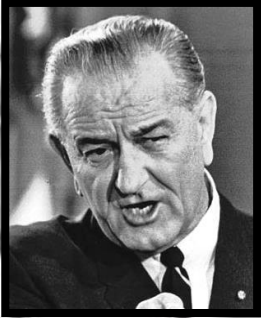


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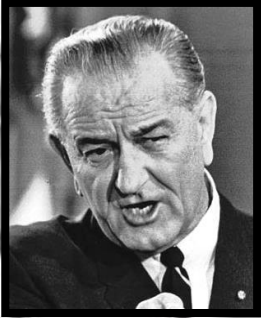


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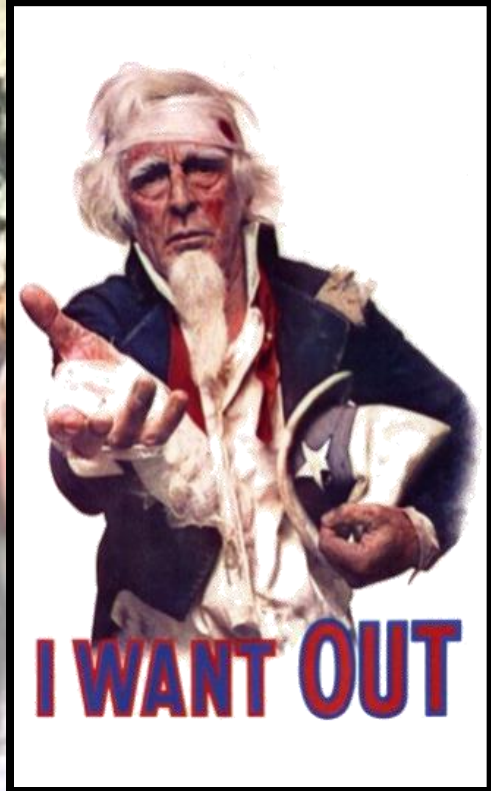


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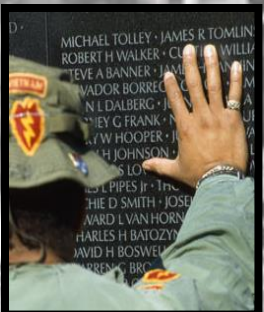
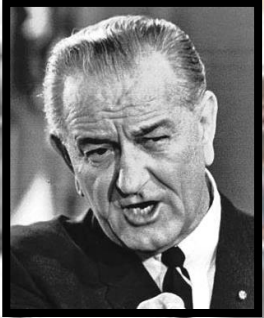


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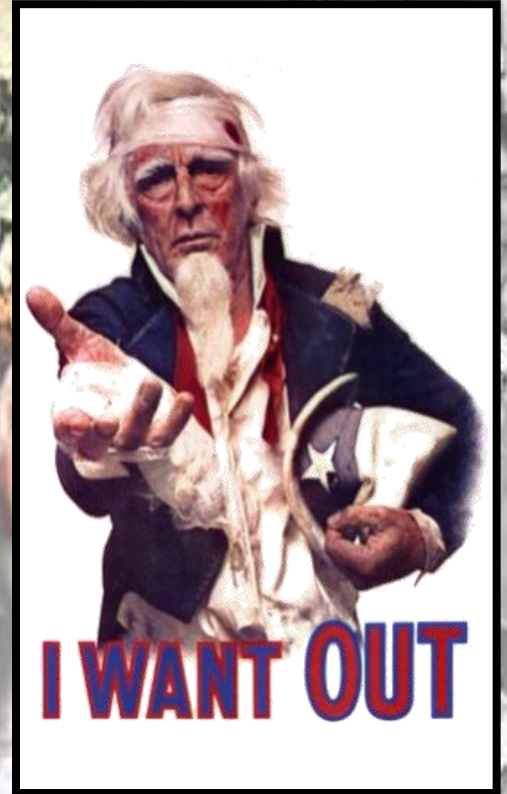
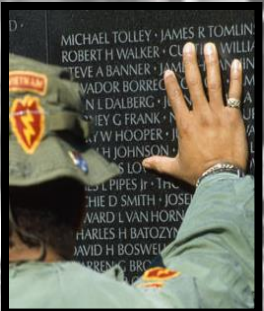
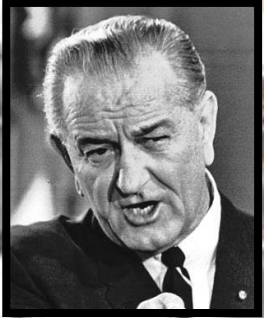
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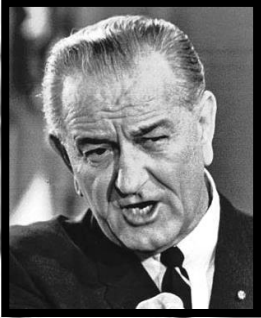




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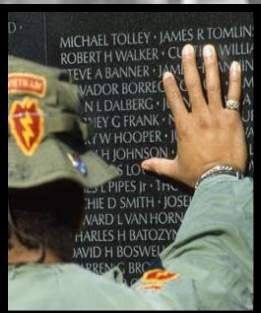
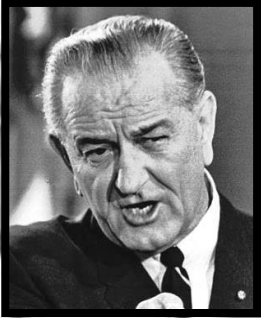


VIETNAM WAR:

Most anti-war activists were white, middle class, educated.

Colleges were most important sites of anti-war activism.

In 1965, the University of Michigan held the first “teach-in” where people gathered to discuss what they could do to change U.S. foreign policy.



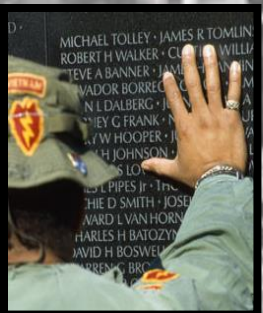
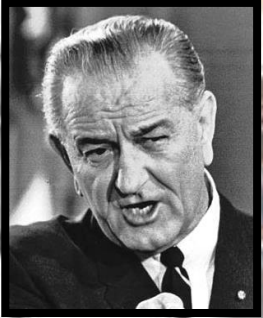


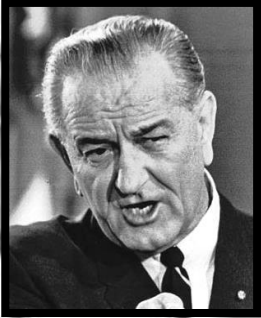
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Society divided into “Hawks” and “Doves”; demonstrations often ended in violence.

Early on, Civil Rights leaders were cautious about criticizing the war for fear of losing LBJ’s support of Civil Rights.

Eventually, Malcolm X and MLK spoke out against war.





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**My Lai Massacre in 1968 (300-500 unarmed civilians killed)
turned many against war.**



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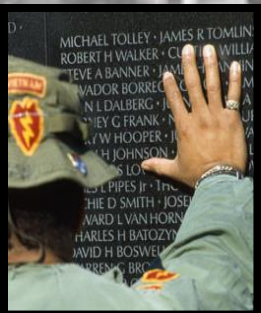
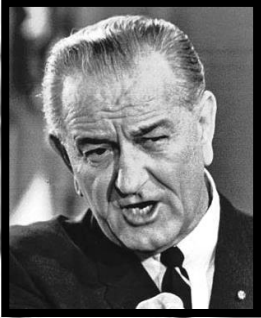


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In 1968, LBJ decided not to run for re-election.

He was still eligible since he took over for JFK past the half-way point of his term.

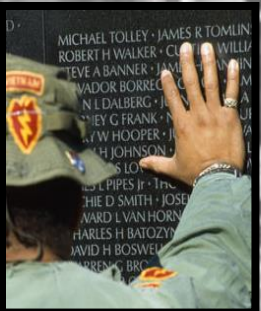
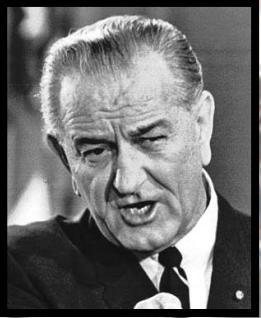
The war had taken its toll.



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QUESTION

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1. How was Vietnam divided? Who support which side?



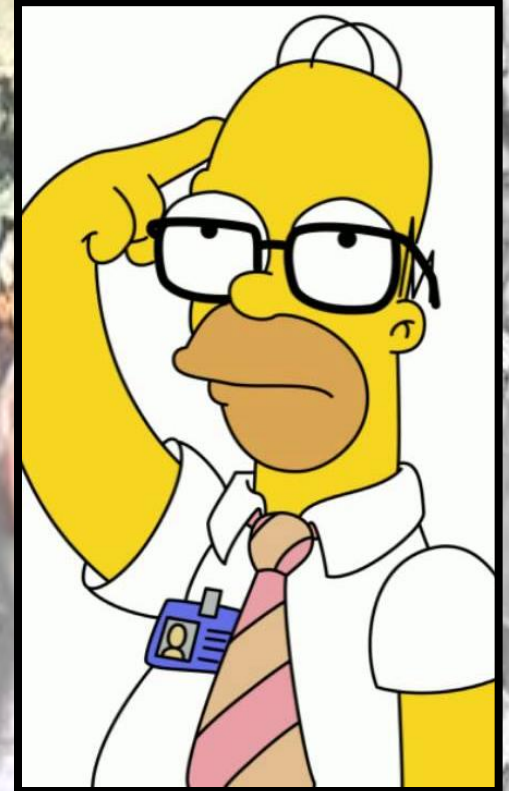
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QUESTION 2

2. Why did the U.S. get involved in the Vietnam War?



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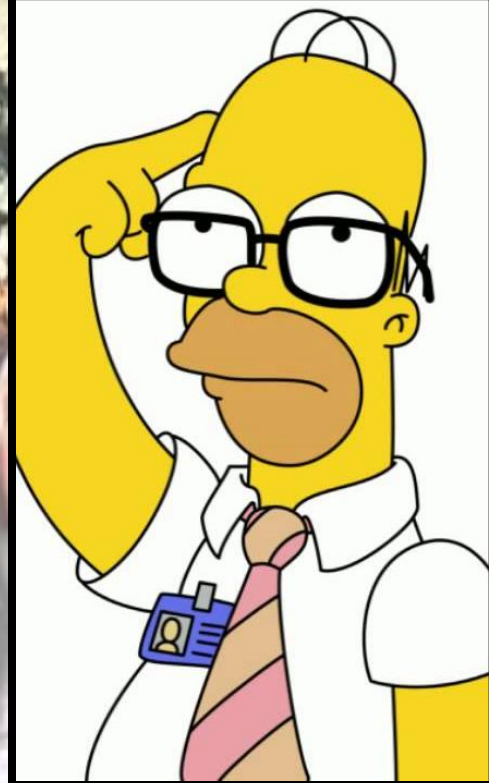
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QUESTION

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3. What (allegedly) happened in the Gulf of Tonkin in August 1964? How did Congress react?



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QUESTION

4



4. The Anti-Vietnam War Movement grew stronger in 1964 and 1965. What did they do to protest the war? Who were these anti-war activists? What were "teach-ins"?



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QUESTION 5

5. What was the significance of the following battles:

- a. Ap Bac
- b. Ia Drang Valley
- c. Khe Sanh
- d. Tet



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