













Lesson 10 (MW 5.10)











Vietnam drove 1968 Election.



Richard M. Nixon ran for the Republicans.





Nixon won a landslide in the Electoral College: EV 301-191.





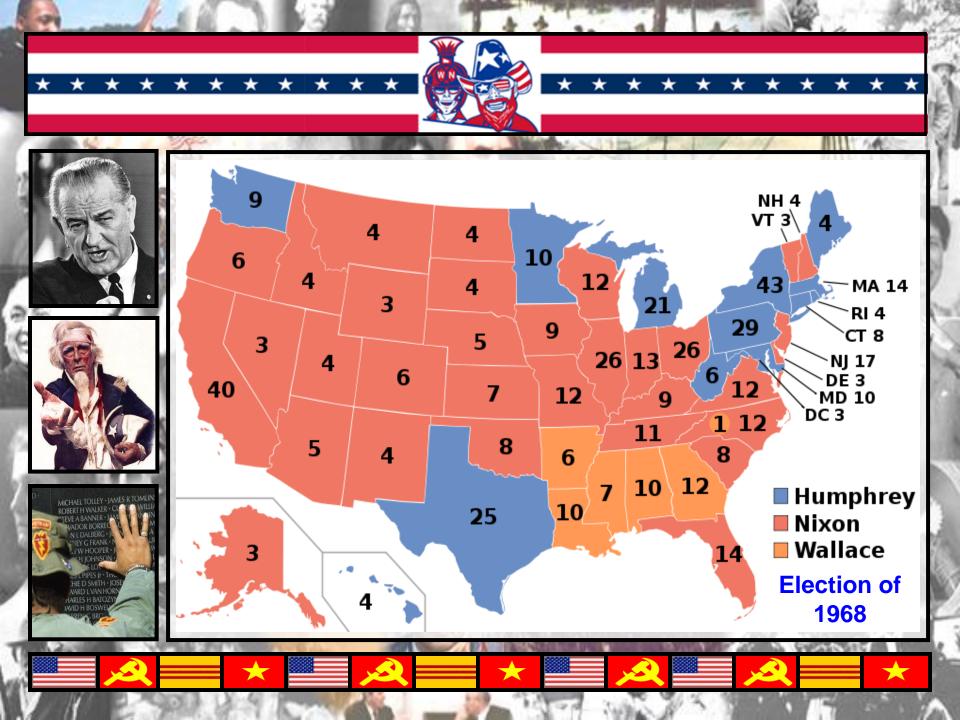
















Vietnam was now Nixon's problem.



U.S. troop strength contracted BUT war effort expanded.



Nixon began a program of Vietnamization to decrease # of U.S. troops; turn war effort over to the South Vietnamese.





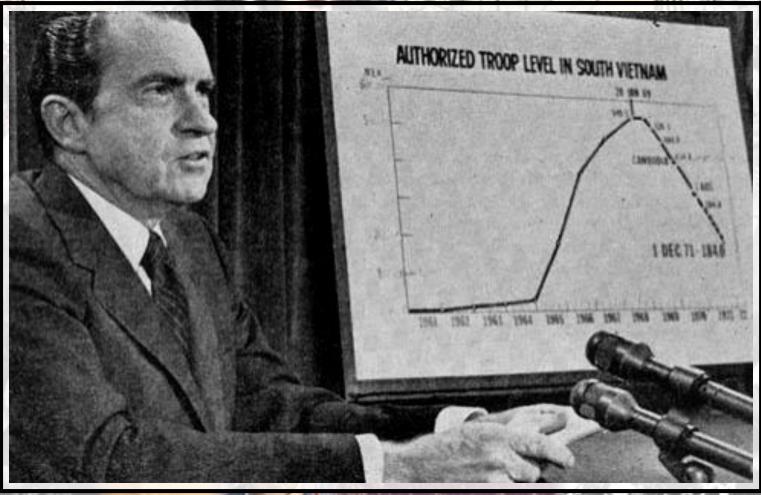
















Vietnam War (1955-1975)

BATTLE

Hamburger Hill

May 13-20, 1969

Hill 937, SV

US/SV

NV

482 total (US: 72 KIA, 372 WIA, 7 MIA SV: 31 KIA)

630 KIA,
3 capture

Hill 937 had no value but U.S. took it by frontal assault; named for carnage.















Nixon extended the war into Cambodia and Laos, where he secretly authorized bombing to block enemy supply routes.



People were outraged since Nixon campaigned that he'd end war.



And then things took a turn for the worse...

















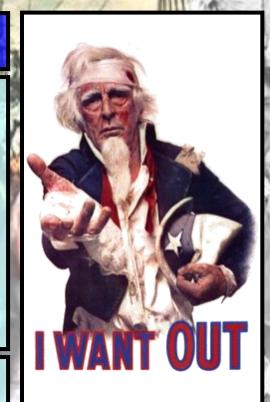




On May 4, 1970, Ohio National Guard troops killed four students and wounded nine more when they shot into an anti-war protest at Kent State University.



In 13 seconds, 28 Guardsmen fired 67 shots in the direction of a nearby parking lot.



















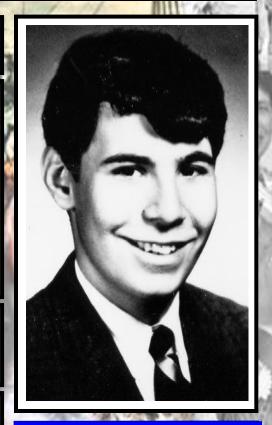
Jeffrey Miller, age 20, had been protesting and was 265 feet from the troops when he was shot through the mouth.



He died instantly.



His body is the one in the famous photograph.











































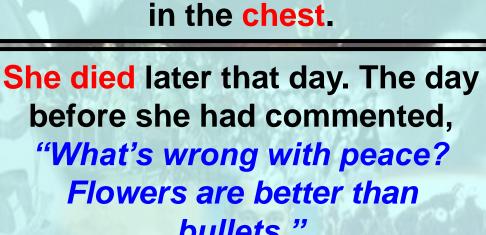


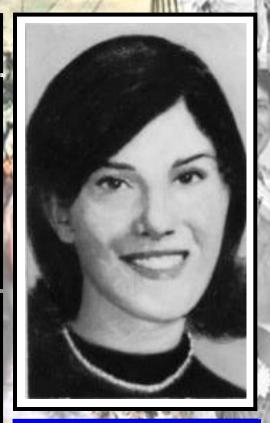


Allison Krause, age 19, was at the protest and 330 feet from the troops when a bullet went through her left arm and hit her in the chest.



before she had commented, "What's wrong with peace? Flowers are better than bullets."

















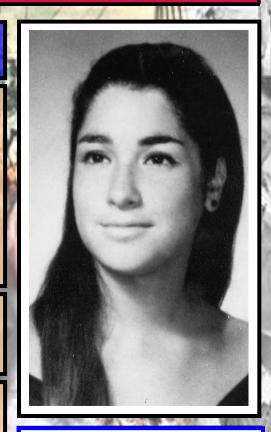
Sandra Scheuer, age 20, was 390 feet from the troops when a stray bullet pierced her jugular.



She bled out in 5 minutes.



She was simply walking to class and wasn't protesting.











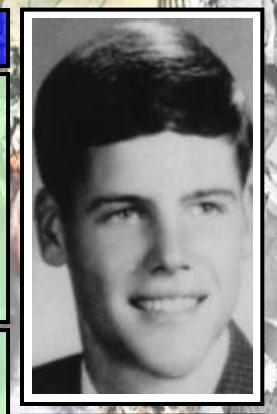


William Schroeder, age 19, was also 390 feet from the troops walking to class when he dove to the ground after the shooting started.





Despite this, he was still hit in the chest and died an hour later during surgery.



















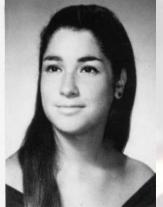
ALLISON B. KRAUSE



WILLIAM K. SCHROEDER



JEFFREY G. MILLER



SANDRA L. SCHEUER



















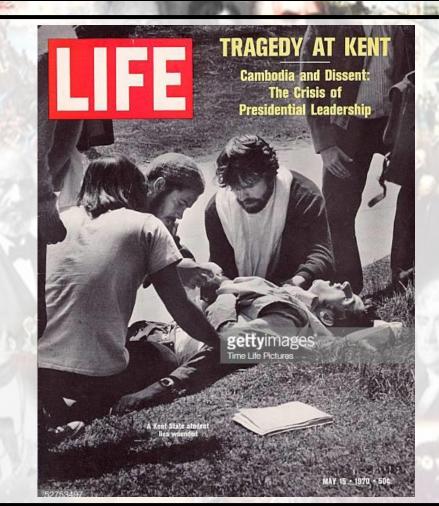














































































































































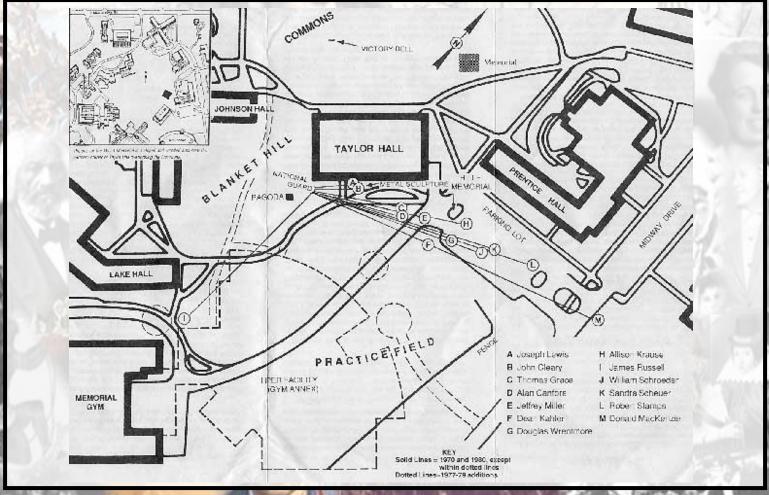




































































































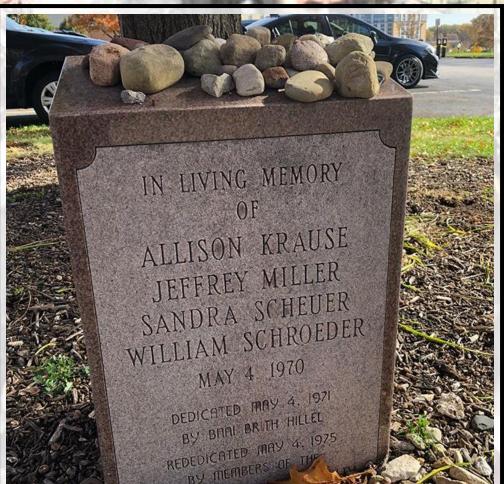


































The shootings led to protests and the only student strike in U.S. history.





On May 8th, four million students protested and forced over 900 colleges to close.





































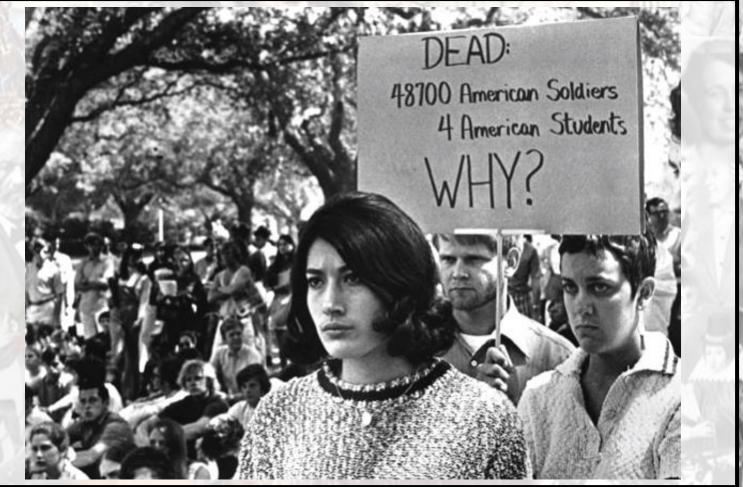








































After an 11-week long court trial, charges were dropped against the Guardsmen for their role in the Kent State students' deaths because they had acted in self-defense.



On January 4, 1979, the state of Ohio awarded the victims' families \$675,000 in an out-of-court settlement.

















On May 14-15, 1970 (just 11 days after Kent State), two students were killed and 12 wounded when police fired on 100 black students protesting at Jackson State College in Mississippi.











Forty officers used shotguns and fired 150 shots in 28 seconds, shattering every window of the dorm behind the students.



The police were only 30-50 feet away from the students when they opened fired on the crowd.











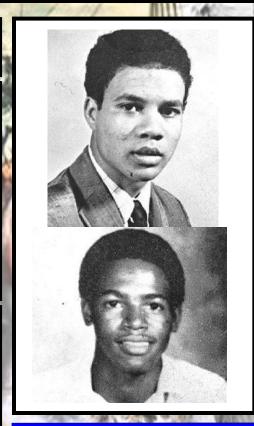






Phillip Gibbs, age 21 and a junior, and James Green, age 17 and visiting from the local high school, were killed.





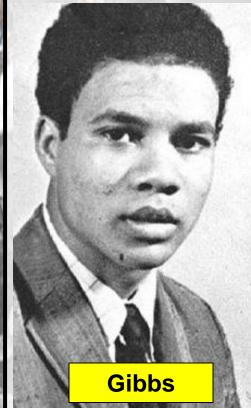


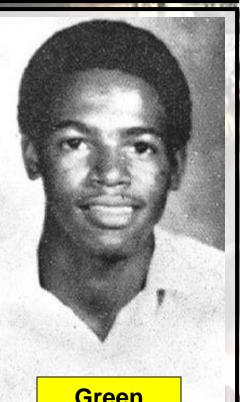






























































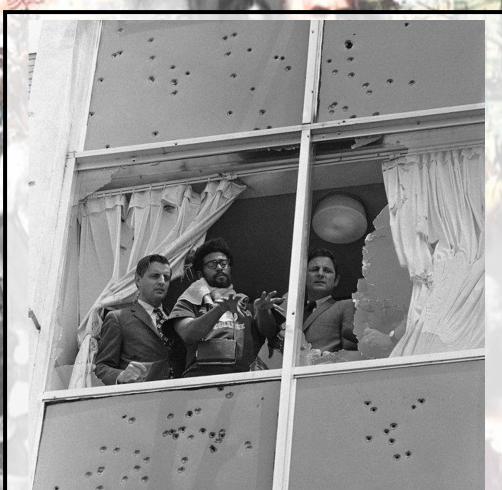
































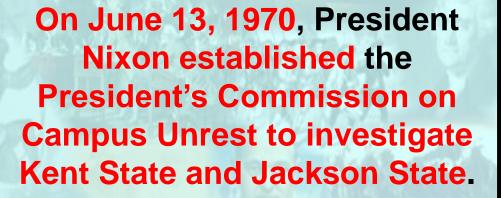


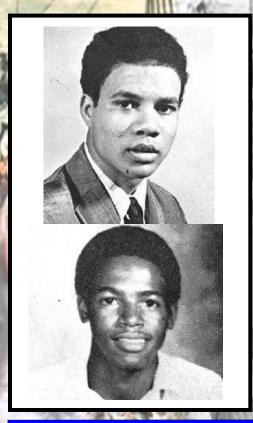






The police claimed there had been reports of a sniper on the roof, which is why they shot in the direction that they did.













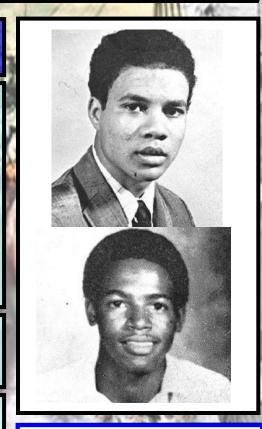
The Commission concluded that the shooting by police officers at Jackson State was "unreasonable, unjustified overreaction".



No arrests were ever made.



The area of the shooting is now called the Gibbs-Green Plaza.









Vietnam War (1955-1975)

BATTLE

Easter Offensive

March 30-Oct. 22, 1972

South Vietnam



US/SV

46,800 total (US: 300 KIA, SV: 10,000 KIA, 36,500 WIA/MIA) NV



100,000 KIA (400+ tanks)

NV offensive to gain as much territory for negotiations; validates Vietnamization.





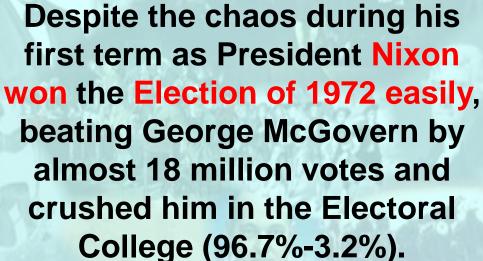






Nixon knew he needed to end the war NOW, which became his goal after his re-election.













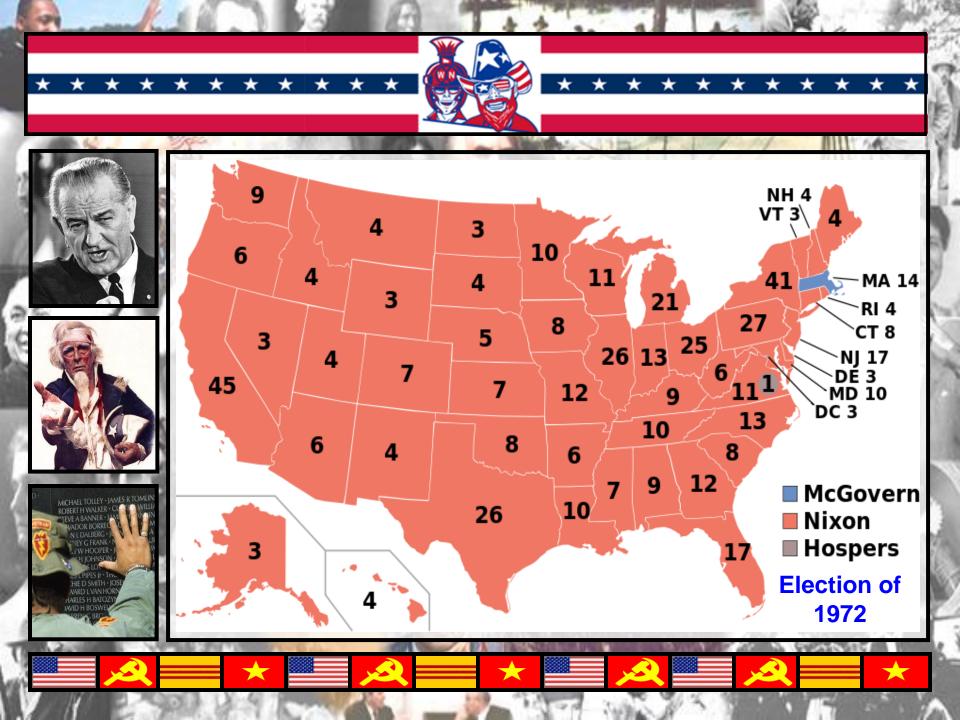


















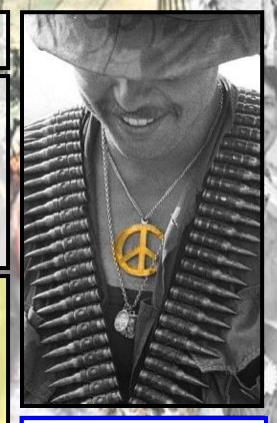
END OF VIETNAM WAR:

On January 27, 1973, the U.S. and North/South Vietnam signed Paris Peace Accords. The terms included:





1. U.S. withdrawal of ALL forces from Vietnam.

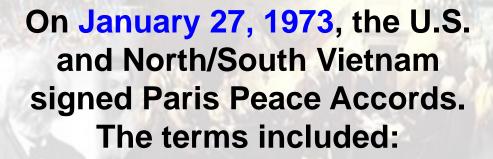




















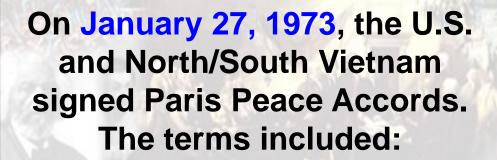


























Vietnam War (1955-1975)

BATTLE

Xuan Loc

April 9-21, 1975

Xuan Loc, SV

SV

NV



4,767 total (2,036 KIA/WIA, 2,731 captured)

5,000 KIA/WIA

Last major battle of war between NV and SV; shows SV unable to win without U.S.









Vietnam War (1955-1975)

BATTLE

Fall of Saigon

April 30, 1975

Saigon, SV

SV

NV



31,000 total

108 KIA

NV takes Saigon (SV capital), ends war, and reunites Vietnam under communism.











END OF VIETNAM WAR:

U.S. troops left, but the war between N & S continued.



South Vietnam was defeated when Saigon fell on April 30, 1975. Vietnam was united under communism.



In the end, the U.S. suffered 362,906 casualties in Vietnam, including 58,202 deaths.











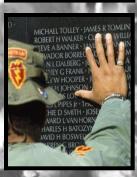


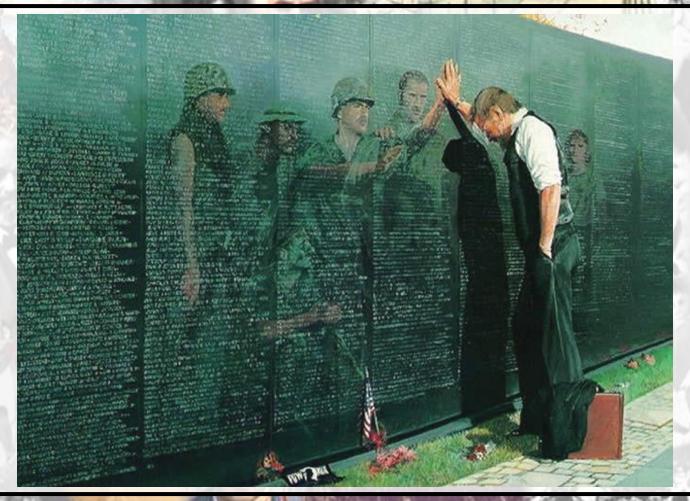






















































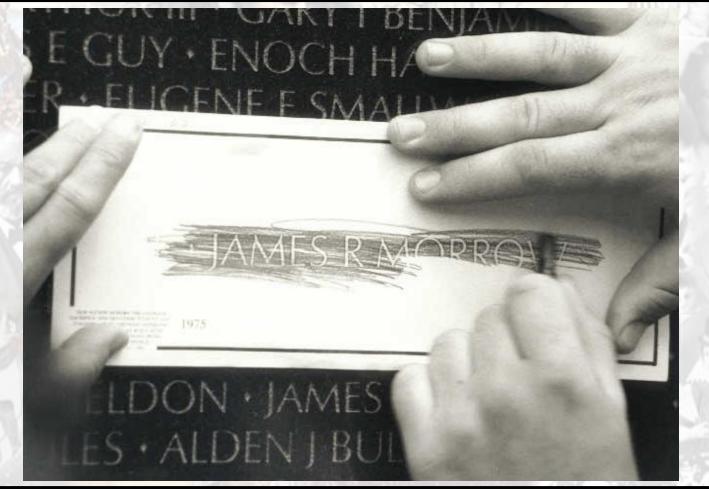


















QUESTION



1. What was President Nixon's "Vietnamization" program? Why did Nixon extend the Vietnam War into Cambodia and Laos? What was the public reaction to this strategy?







QUESTION



2. What happened at Kent State University on May 4, 1970? What was the public reaction? What was concluded during the court trial?







QUESTION 3



3. What happened at Jackson State College on May 14-15, 1970? What did Nixon do in response? What did they conclude?







QUESTION



- 4. What was the significance of the following battles:
 - a. Hamburger Hill
 - b. Easter Offensive
 - c. Xuan Loc
 - d. Fall of Saigon







QUESTION 5



5. What terms were included in the Paris Peace Accords? What happened to South Vietnam after the U.S. left? How many U.S. soldiers died in the Vietnam War?







