**INTRODUCTION TO VIETNAM – INTERNET QUEST**

**Answer the questions on a piece of notebook paper in complete sentences.**

**Part 1: Overview of the War in Vietnam**

[https://web.archive.org/web/20140112132108/](https://web.archive.org/web/20140112132108/http%3A//vietnam.vassar.edu/overview/index.html)

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1. What European country controlled Vietnam?
2. Geneva Accords – who signed? When? Why? What were the terms of the accords?
3. What was SEATO?
4. Why did the U.S. back South Vietnamese dictator Ngo Dinh Diem?
5. Why was Diem unpopular in South Vietnam?
6. How did President Kennedy involve the U.S. in Vietnam?
7. What did the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution do?
8. Describe the American strategy for winning the war in Vietnam?
9. What was the purpose of the Tet Offensive?
10. Describe Nixon’s “secret” plan for ending the war in Vietnam.
11. What events motivated the protests at Kent State?
12. List the first 5 provisions in the Paris Peace Agreement (click on hyperlink).

**Part 2: Vietnam on TV** <http://www.museum.tv/archives/etv/V/htmlV/vietnamonte/vietnamonte.htm>

1. Why is the conflict in Vietnam often referred to as the “Living Room War?”
2. Summarize the traditional argument about the media’s influence on support for the Vietnam War.
3. At what points in the war did the news media become most critical of the war?
4. What themes did the media emphasize at the beginning of the war?
5. How did the style and tone of reporting change as the war dragged on?
6. What position did CBS anchorman, Walter Cronkite, take after the Tet Offensive?

**Part 3: My Lai Massacre (watch video)** [**https://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/my-lai-massacre**](https://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/my-lai-massacre)

1. Why was the village of My Lai targeted for a “search and destroy” mission?
2. What did the search and destroy mission degenerate into?
3. What seems to have been Calley’s role in the massacre?
4. What were the results of the military investigation?
5. What was the end result of the incident for Calley?
6. Why do historians still debate the “massacre?”

**Part 4: MLK & Vietnam** [http://www.time.com/time/video/player/0,32068,732540077001\_1954493,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/video/player/0%2C32068%2C732540077001_1954493%2C00.html)

1. Was MLK speaking to support the war effort or was he anti-war?
2. Why were other civil rights leaders critical of MLK taking a position on the war?
3. What is the “cruel irony” according to MLK?
4. Who does MLK call “the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today”?
5. Time magazine called the speech "demagogic slander" and the Washington Post declared that King had "diminished his usefulness to his cause, his country, his people." Do you agree with those assessments? Why or why not?