

VIETNAM WAR 1959-1975




VIETNAM WAR Response to Cold War
WHY DID IT BEGIN?

Prevent the spread of Communism throughout the world

President Eisenhower wanted to make sure Southeast Asia did not fall to Communism



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GUERRILLA FIGHTING



Guerrillas are soldiers not part of a regular army

Used hit and run tactics

Unlike any other war Americans had fought

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TUNNELS

Tunnels created problems for American soldiers

Often booby traps and set-ups for soldiers

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GULF OF TONKIN RESOLUTION

U.S. ship was attacked in Gulf of Tonkin

President John F. Kennedy can deploy military as he sees fit in Vietnam

Tet is the lunar holiday in Vietnam

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TET OFFENSIVE

This was a series of attacks by North Vietnam on South Vietnam

North Vietnam claimed a huge victory

Led to slow pull out of U.S. soldiers and bad public opinion of the war
