VIETNAM WAR 1959-1975

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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

Response to Cold War

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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 Johnson can deploy military as he sees fit in Vietnam

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TET OFFENSIVE

- Tet is the lunar holiday in Vietnam
- North Vietnam claimed a huge victory
- North Vietnam launched a series of attacks by South Vietnam
- Led to slow pull out of U.S. soldiers and bad public opinion of the war