#### Cold War

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### Vietnam

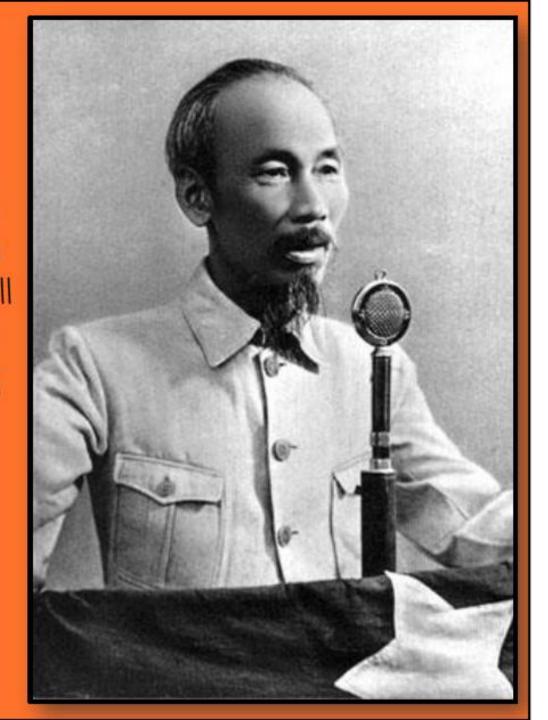
- In the 1960s, the US became involved in the Vietnam War.
- Vietnam is a country in Southeast Asia that was divided into two parts in 1954.
- North Vietnam was communist and South Vietnam was not.
- Ho Chi Minh led the North Vietnamese army (called the Viet Cong) to try to take over South Vietnam.





"If we have to fight, we shall fight. You will kill ten of our men, and we will kill one of yours, and in the end it will be you who will tire of it."

~Ho Chi Minh (leader of North Vietnam)



# Domino Theory

- In the early 1960s, the US sent troops to help South Vietnam because they wanted to stop the spread of Communism.
- Many people believed that if Vietnam became communist, all of Southeast Asia would soon come under Communist control.
- · This was called the "Domino Theory".



## Vietnam War

- In 1964, North Vietnam fired torpedoes at a US ship in the Gulf of Tonkin, which in turn caused the US to declare military action against North Vietnam.
- The Viet Cong's guerilla warfare tactics and the unfavorable fighting conditions in the thick Asian jungles led to thousands of American soldiers getting wounded or killed.





A US B-66
Destroyer and
four F-105
Thunderchiefs
dropping bombs
on North Vietnam.

### Protests

- The Vietnam War was not popular with many Americans, and there were dozens of protests against American military troops fighting in Vietnam.
- President Nixon finally withdrew US troops in 1973.
- Over 58,000 Americans had died in the war.

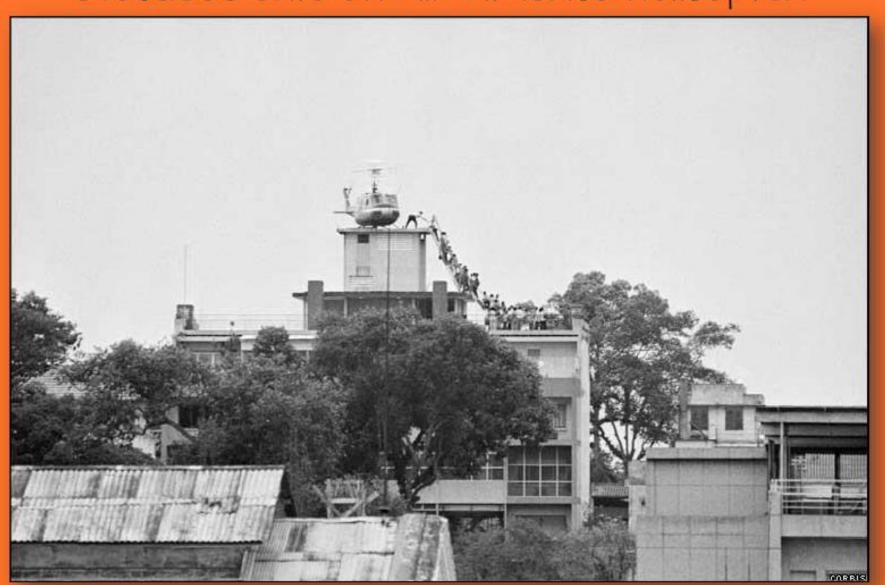
#### Student Protestors in Wisconsin - 1965



# Today

- The Vietnam War ended in a cease-fire.
- Without US support, North Vietnam took control of South Vietnam in 1975.
- Vietnam is now one country under Communist rule.
- The US is on friendly terms with the country today.

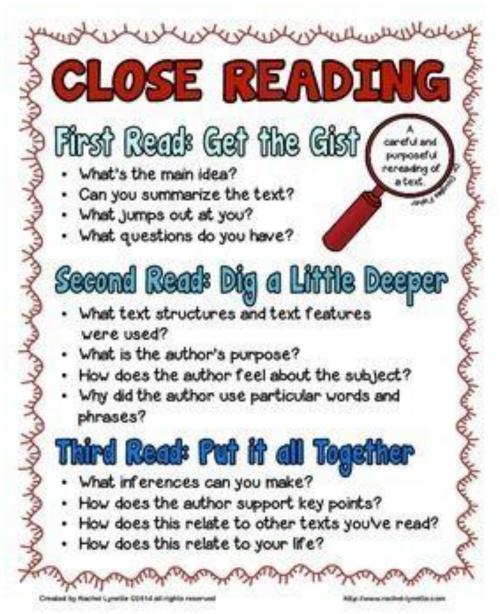
### A CIA employee helps South Vietnamese evacuees onto an Air America helicopter.



"For What it's Worth" by, Buffalo Springfield



- Step 1: Listen to the song
- Step 2: Close read the lyrics
- Step 3: Listen to the song again
- Step 4: Complete the constructed response on the next slide.



There's something happening here What it is ain't exactly clear There's a man with a gun over there Telling me I got to beware

I think it's time we stop, children, what's that sound Everybody look what's going down

There's battle lines being drawn
Nobody's right if everybody's wrong
Young people speaking their minds
Getting so much resistance from behind

It's time we stop, hey, what's that sound Everybody look what's going down What a field-day for the heat A thousand people in the street Singing songs and carrying signs Mostly say, hooray for our side

It's time we stop, hey, what's that sound Everybody look what's going down Paranoia strikes deep
Into your life it will creep
It starts when you're always afraid
You step out of line, the man come and take you away

We better stop, hey, what's that sound Everybody look what's going down Stop, hey, what's that sound Everybody look what's going down Stop, now, what's that sound Everybody look what's going down Stop, children, what's that sound Everybody look what's going down

#### Task- Questions and response

- 1. Did the U.S.A. win the Vietnam War? Why or why not?
- 2. What does it mean to *protest*?
- 3. Constructed response: Why were so many college-aged people protesting the Vietnam war?

Restate the questions

Answer the questions

Cite evidence from your notes

Explain the evidence

Re-read your answers and your constructed response for errors

Summarize your constructed response with a concluding sentence