

Guided Reading Activity

The Vietnam War 1954–1975

Lesson 1 *Going to War in Vietnam*

Review Questions: Recording Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How Statements

Directions: Locate each heading below in your textbook. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

I. American Involvement in Vietnam

A. Who was Ho Chi Minh?

B. Why did the United States aid the French?

C. What made Truman authorize aid to the French?

D. What was the Geneva Accord?

II. American Involvement Deepens

A. How were strategic hamlets and Kennedy's addition of thousands of U.S. military personnel to South Vietnam similar?

B. What happened when Diem was overthrown?

C. What power did the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution give to Johnson?

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D. **What** encouraged Johnson to send aircraft to bomb North Vietnam?

III. A Bloody Stalemate

A. **What** tactics used by the Vietcong made fighting difficult for U.S. troops?

B. **What** was “search and destroy”?

C. **How** did Johnson’s limits make the war effort more difficult?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

Why did the United States become involved in a war that was difficult for it to win?
