

Guided Reading Activity

The Vietnam War 1954–1975

Lesson 2 *Vietnam Divides the Nation*

Review Questions: Outlining

Directions: Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. The Antiwar Movement Emerges

- A.** As the Vietnam War dragged on, _____ waned because many believed that _____ was not telling the truth about the war.
- B.** Many Americans believed a _____ existed because of inconsistencies between _____ and what the administration said about the war.
- C.** Students and teachers at universities held _____ to explain why they opposed the war, while many protesters focused on what they thought was an unfair _____. Most of the soldiers were _____ youths.
- D.** As the war went on, many young men burned their _____ while an estimated 500,000 _____.
- E.** Many soldiers argued that if they were old enough to fight, they were old enough to _____. The _____ gave 18-year-olds the _____.
- F.** By 1968, the nation was divided into two camps: hawks, who _____ and doves, who _____.

II. 1968: The Pivotal Year

- A.** Guerrilla fighters launched a massive attack on most _____ and South Vietnam's _____. This attack, called the _____, was repelled. Americans, however, were stunned that an enemy nearly defeated could _____.
- B.** On March 21, 1968, Johnson stunned the nation with the announcement that _____.
- C.** Two assassinations rocked the nation: _____ and _____, who appeared to be in the lead for the _____ nomination for president.
- D.** In the presidential election of 1968, Republican candidate _____ won because he promised to _____ the United States and restore _____ to the country.

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Summary and Reflection

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

How did the Vietnam War divide the nation?

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