

★ Content Vocabulary Activity 26

The Vietnam War, 1954–1975

DIRECTIONS: Choose the content vocabulary word or term to identify that best completes each sentence. Write the correct term in the space provided. Then answer the question at the bottom of the page.

domino theory
credibility gap
Vietnamization

guerrillas
teach-ins

Agent Orange
doves

napalm
hawks

1. In order to destroy the landscape in which Vietcong forces hid, American planes dropped _____, a chemical that strips the leaves from trees and shrubs.
2. In the late 1960s, many Americans no longer believed what the U.S. government told them about the Vietnam war, a situation referred to as a _____.
3. Strong supporters of military action in Vietnam became known as _____.
4. Supporters of the war sometimes criticized the patriotism of _____, who wanted an end to the war.
5. Nixon supported a policy of _____, in which American forces would gradually withdraw while South Vietnamese forces took on more of the fighting.
6. Faculty and students at universities who opposed the war staged _____, in which they discussed their thoughts on the war.
7. The _____ was the idea that if South Vietnam became Communist, the rest of Southeast Asia would follow.
8. The Vietminh often used _____, irregular troops who blend into the civilian population and use ambush tactics.
9. The use of _____, a jellied gasoline that explodes on contact, helped destroy parts of the Vietnamese landscape.
10. Explain Henry Kissinger's policy of *linkage*.