What did the USA lose in the Vietnam War? 

- **Hostility of the Vietnamese People**
  - SV people resented the corruption and repression of their regime by US bombing, destruction of their lives and homes, and the US withdrawal of support.
  - SV people resented being ignored by the US.

- **US tactics**
  - "Search & Destroy" tactic flawed.
  - Excessive bombing caused the collapse of the US regime.

- **Communist Strength**
  - Chinese and USSR aid to Vietnam.
  - ARVN unable to effectively fight despite US military aid.

- **SV weaknesses**
  - Men demoralised and demotivated.
  - ARMU near an effective fighting force despite US military aid.

- **Limited military commitment**
  - Servicemen reduced from 540,000 (1969) to 47,000 (1972).
  - Anti-war protests against the US war effort.

- **Rapid collapse of SV in 1973**
  - US military commitment would have prevented SV collapse.
  - 200,000 anti-war protesters in New York in 1967.
  - After the Tet Offensive, US troops were unable to keep support of SV troops.

- **Lost battle of Khe Sanh**
  - US unable to expel NVA, ARVN, VC weaknesses due to rejection of Westmoreland's request for extra men.