U.S. History

Viet Nam War
• Longest war in U.S. history
• War extend from President Eisenhower to President Richard Nixon.
• War to prevent communist to spread all over Vietnam (South Vietnam wasn’t communist at this point)
• Cost most $, troops and yet failed the objectives.
• Lack of public support
• Can’t identify between Viet Cong & innocent citizen
• President Nixon end the war in Jan 1973.
• In 1975, Communist overrule Vietnam.

Early Involvement
• French rule Indochina (Laos, Vietnam & Cambodia). (Vietnam was part of Indochina)
• Reason: Help French’s economy
• Ho Chi Minh found Viet Minh forced to battle the Japanese.
• (Japanese rule Vietnam during invasion in WwII)
• Ho Chi Minh’s thought was influence by Marxist.
• Vietnam declared its Independence in 1945.

Domino Theory
• Communism will spread if communists have a victory in Vietnam.
• Reason to support French troops ($1 billion/year)
• Communists won in battle of Dien Bien Phu by communist general Vo Nguyen Giap