



Chapter 17 Test, Form A

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The Vietnam War

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item in Column A with the items in Column B. Write the correct letters in the blanks. (3 points each)

Column A

- _____ 1. Nixon's special assistant for national security affairs
- _____ 2. Democratic candidate assassinated in a California hotel
- _____ 3. feared the Vietnam War would draw attention from the civil rights movement
- _____ 4. South Vietnam's president at the end of the Vietnam War
- _____ 5. American commander in South Vietnam
- _____ 6. outspoken segregationist who won over 13% of the popular vote as an independent candidate in the 1968 election
- _____ 7. peace negotiator for the North Vietnamese
- _____ 8. Communist leader who organized a guerrilla army to fight to reunify Vietnam
- _____ 9. former Defense Department worker who leaked the Pentagon Papers to the *New York Times*
- _____ 10. pro-Western leader of South Vietnam early in the war who was overthrown in a coup and executed

Column B

- A.** Le Duc Tho
- B.** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- C.** Daniel Ellsberg
- D.** Ho Chi Minh
- E.** Nguyen Van Thieu
- F.** Robert Kennedy
- G.** Ngo Dinh Diem
- H.** George Wallace
- I.** William Westmoreland
- J.** Henry Kissinger

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice Choose the item that best completes each sentence or answers each question. Write the letter in the blank. (4 points each)

- _____ 11. The Vietminh formed initially in Vietnam to
 - A.** create a Communist government.
 - B.** create a pro-Western government.
 - C.** win independence from France.
 - D.** win independence from Japan.
- _____ 12. What two events convinced Truman to help France in Vietnam?
 - A.** the fall of China to communism and the outbreak of the Korean War
 - B.** Japan's surrender in World War II and the fall of China to communism
 - C.** the establishment of a Communist government in Vietnam and the Korean War
 - D.** the establishment of a Communist government in Vietnam and the fall of China
- _____ 13. When the French left Vietnam, the United States stepped in to
 - A.** make sure free elections were held, as specified by the Geneva Accords.
 - B.** protect the pro-Western government in the South.
 - C.** act as peacekeeper along the border between North and South Vietnam.
 - D.** try to cause a popular uprising against the Communist ruler in North Vietnam.



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- _____ 14. The Vietcong's power continued to increase in part because of
 - A. the Vietcong's use of terror.
 - B. the use of terror by South Vietnam.
 - C. the strong belief in communism.
 - D. the Vietnamese distrust of the U.S.

- _____ 15. With the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, Congress
 - A. declared war on North Vietnam.
 - B. committed to a limited war only.
 - C. increased aid to South Vietnam.
 - D. gave its war powers to the president.

- _____ 16. The goal of Agent Orange was to
 - A. infiltrate the Vietcong military.
 - B. sabotage Vietcong equipment.
 - C. destroy the ability to hide in jungles.
 - D. cut Vietcong supply lines.

- _____ 17. A main reason President Johnson refused to order a full-scale invasion of North Vietnam was his fear that it would
 - A. bring China into the war.
 - B. strengthen the North Vietnamese will to fight.
 - C. result in a staggering loss of American lives.
 - D. horrify the American public, ruining him politically.

- _____ 18. The "educational hearings" on Vietnam were intended to
 - A. boost public support for the war.
 - B. protest the war.
 - C. explain the war to the Senate.
 - D. explain the war to the public.

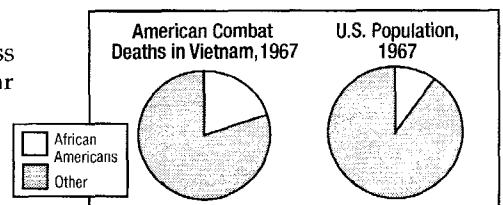
- _____ 19. After the Tet offensive, the mainstream American media began to
 - A. appeal to American patriotism to support the war effort.
 - B. give less air time to antiwar protesters.
 - C. give more air time to antiwar protesters.
 - D. openly criticize the war effort.

- _____ 20. Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia angered Congress, resulting in
 - A. a vote of censure.
 - B. impeachment hearings.
 - C. a repeal of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.
 - D. a repeal of the War Powers Act.

DIRECTIONS: Essay Answer one of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. (10 points)

- 21. Describe the Vietcong's battle tactics and ways that American troops tried to counter these tactics.

- 22. Explain what the circle graphs show, and discuss how the draft system at the beginning of the war could have contributed to this situation.



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