

MR. SINGISER--US HISTORY--CHAPTER 17 STUDY GUIDE--SPRING 2009**True/False**

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

- _____ 1. With the Allies' victory over Japan in August 1945, the Japanese surrendered control of Indochina, and Ho Chi Minh quickly announced that Vietnam was an independent nation.
- _____ 2. After traveling abroad, Ho Chi Minh returned to Southeast Asia in 1930, where he helped found the Indochinese Communist Party and worked to overthrow French rule.
- _____ 3. The Geneva Accords divided part of French Indochina into North Vietnam and South Vietnam.
- _____ 4. Some people who opposed the war viewed South Vietnam as a corrupt dictatorship and insisted that defending that country was immoral and unjust.
- _____ 5. In the election of 1968, Richard Nixon promised to unify the nation and restore Ho Chi Minh as the leader of a united Vietnam.
- _____ 6. The draft became less of an issue in 1969 when the government introduced a lottery system: Only those with low lottery numbers were subject to the draft.
- _____ 7. In 1968 the American people were shocked that an enemy supposedly on the verge of defeat could launch such a large-scale attack as the Tet offensive of the Vietcong and the North Vietnamese.

Completion

Complete each statement.

8. Instead of conquering enemy territory, American troops were forced to fight a war of _____—a strategy of defeating the enemy forces by slowly wearing them down.
9. On August 2, 1964, President Johnson announced that North Vietnamese torpedo boats had fired on two American destroyers in the Gulf of _____.
10. In an effort to take away the Vietcong's cover by destroying the thick jungles, American planes dropped _____, a jellied gas that explodes on contact.
11. In political terms Kennedy needed to appear tough on communism since Republicans often accused Democrats of having lost _____ to communism during the Truman administration.
12. The Vietnam War resulted in the deaths of approximately _____ young Americans and the injury of more than 300,000.
13. The invasion of _____ under President Nixon sparked protests because many Americans viewed it as a widening of the war.
14. In August 1969, Henry _____ entered into secret negotiations with North Vietnam's negotiator Le Duc Tho.
15. In November 1969, Americans learned of a horrifying massacre of South Vietnamese civilians in the hamlet of _____ by an American platoon.
16. American cynicism grew with the Vietnam War and the _____ scandal, making Americans more wary of their leaders.