

Ch. 8 - The Wars Unending

I. The Cease-Fire War

1. What were the 4 no's that President Nguyen Van Thieu clung too?
2. Even though the North reequipped its forces below the 17th parallel, what were the 2 reasons why the North wanted to avoid bold moves in the South?
3. After the peace accords what did Nixon do to defend his alley and what did the Congress do to constrain the President?
4. What was North Vietnamese's leaders 2-stage plan for their attack on the South?
5. What was Operation Frequent Wind?

II. Nations in Torment

1. How many Southerners were executed, sent to reeducation camps by communists and what happened to some Southerners?
2. What happened when the government attempted to force a socialist transformation in the South?
3. Who won the Cambodian civil war, who became the leader, and what did he declare and what did that entail?
4. Who gained control of Laos in 1975 and why were the Hmong targeted by the new government?
5. Why did China and Vietnam go to war even though they were both communists?

III. Contested Legacies

1. Why did the Vietnam War reemerge in the late 1970s as a major topic of discussion among Americans?
2. What did Ronald Reagan do after he was elected and where and why did he deploy the first US combat troops since Vietnam?
3. How did liberals, radicals and conservatives view the reasons for the US defeat in Vietnam?
4. How would you explain John Rambo's quote "I did what I had to do to win!" "But somebody wouldn't let us win!"
5. What happened to the Vietnamese government in 1986, and what was the renovation policy?

IV. Beyond the Cold War

1. Why did US-Vietnamese tension begin to ease in the late 80s?
2. When did US-Vietnamese relations change for the better and what actions did the US and Vietnam do in 1994, 1995, and 2000?
3. How did the US occupation of Iraq remind many observers of the Vietnam War?
4. How many people were believed to be missing or unrecovered by the Hanoi government, what caused an estimated 1 million birth defects and how many people were killed or maimed by landmines and other unexploded ordnances in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos?

