



**Switched-On**  
SCHOOLHOUSE

# Course Catalog

Vietnam

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**COURSE OVERVIEW**

What comes to mind when you think about the Vietnam Era? For many, that period represents a difficult time in U.S. history. It is defined by an unpopular war that claimed the lives of 58,000 Americans and some 3 million Vietnamese. In this course, you'll look at the history of the Vietnam War. The roots of the conflict stretch further back than you might know. You'll examine why the United States got involved in the conflict and why the United States failed to achieve its objectives.

The lessons in this course will help you to answer the following questions:

- Where is Vietnam?
- What is the history of United States involvement in Vietnam?
- What factors caused the Vietnam War?
- How did international events such as the Cold War play into the conflict?
- What was happening in the United States during the war?
- What was the outcome of the Vietnam War?
- What can we learn from the Vietnam War?

Also, as you grapple with the material in this course, keep these questions in mind:

- What is worth fighting for?
- Why do people fight wars?
- How is military intervention justified?
- How are foreign policy decisions made?
- How does war affect civilians and soldiers?
- What ideas shape people's view of war?

Your goals for this course include:

- Explain why the United States got involved in Vietnam.
- Identify U.S. objectives regarding Vietnam.
- Describe the United States home front during the Vietnam War.
- Identify the impact of the Vietnam War on soldiers and civilians.
- Identify the outcome of the Vietnam War.
- Explain the impact of the Vietnam War on American foreign policy.

UNIT 1: THE ORIGINS OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM				
Assignment Titles				
VIETNAM ERA	1.	Course Overview	11.	Dien Bien Phu
	2.	Vietnam	12.	The Geneva Accords
	3.	Early History	13.	Essay: The U.S. Policy for Vietnam
	4.	French Indochina	14.	Quiz 3: Vietnam and the Cold War
	5.	Quiz 1: Toward French Colonization	15.	Special Project*
	6.	Nationalist Movement	16.	Review
	7.	World War II	17.	Test
	8.	The French Indochina War	18.	Alternate Test*
	9.	Quiz 2: Vietnamese Nationalism	19.	Glossary and Credits
	10.	Falling Dominoes		

## UNIT 2: FROM MILITARY ADVISORS TO COMBAT TROOPS

VIETNAM ERA

## Assignment Titles

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|-----|--|-----|---|
| 1.  | Ngo Dinh Diem: The Miracle Man of Asia   | 11. | Introduction to Combat: Chu Lai and Ia Drang                  |
| 2.  | The National Liberation Front            | 12. | Project: The Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson Administrations |
| 3.  | The Diem Coup                            | 13. | Quiz 3: The U.S. Military Strategy                            |
| 4.  | Quiz 1: Nation-Building in South Vietnam | 14. | Special Project*  |
| 5.  | Lyndon B. Johnson                        | 15. | Review  |
| 6.  | The Gulf of Tonkin Incident              | 16. | Test  |
| 7.  | The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution            | 17. | Alternate Test*   |
| 8.  | Quiz 2: Aggression on the High Seas      | 18. | Glossary and Credits  |
| 9.  | The Air War                              |     |   |
| 10. | The Ground War                           |     |   |

## UNIT 3: A NATION DIVIDED BY WAR

VIETNAM ERA

## Assignment Titles

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|----|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Vietnamese Soldiers           | 10. | The Governmental Debate         |
| 2. | The Ho Chi Minh Trail         | 11. | The Living Room War             |
| 3. | Vietcong Tunnels              | 12. | Project: Vietnam Era Songs      |
| 4. | Quiz 1: The Vietnamese Effort | 13. | Quiz 3: American Public Opinion |
| 5. | Tour of Duty                  | 14. | Special Project*                |
| 6. | Fighting the War              | 15. | Review                          |
| 7. | Women and the Vietnam War     | 16. | Test                            |
| 8. | Quiz 2: The American Effort   | 17. | Alternate Test*                 |
| 9. | The Antiwar Movement          | 18. | Glossary and Credits            |

## UNIT 4: ACHIEVING PEACE WITH HONOR

VIETNAM ERA

## Assignment Titles

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|----|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 1. | The Tet Offensive                  | 10. | Secret Diplomacy           |
| 2. | LBJ Shocks the Nation              | 11. | The Paris Peace Accords    |
| 3. | The 1968 Election                  | 12. | Essay: Vietnamization      |
| 4. | Quiz 1: A Turning Point in the War | 13. | Quiz 3: The End of the War |
| 5. | Richard Nixon                      | 14. | Special Project*           |
| 6. | Vietnamization                     | 15. | Review                     |
| 7. | The Invasion of Cambodia           | 16. | Test                       |
| 8. | Quiz 2: Nixon and the Vietnam War  | 17. | Alternate Test*            |
| 9. | Crisis in Morale and Discipline    | 18. | Glossary and Credits       |

## UNIT 5: THE LEGACY OF VIETNAM

VIETNAM ERA

## Assignment Titles

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|----|-------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| 1. | Nixon and Watergate           | 10. | U.S.-Vietnamese Relations    |
| 2. | Prisoner of War               | 11. | Vietnam Today                |
| 3. | The Fall of Saigon            | 12. | Essay: The Vietnam Era       |
| 4. | Quiz 1: Aftermath in Asia     | 13. | Quiz 3: Toward Normalization |
| 5. | Vietnam Veterans              | 14. | Special Project*             |
| 6. | The Vietnam Veterans Memorial | 15. | Review                       |
| 7. | Vietnam Syndrome              | 16. | Test                         |
| 8. | Quiz 2: Searching for Lessons | 17. | Alternate Test*              |
| 9. | Vietnamese in America         | 18. | Glossary and Credits         |

## UNIT 6: COURSE REVIEW AND EXAM

VIETNAM ERA

## Assignment Titles

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|----|--------|----|-----------------|
| 1. | Review | 3. | Alternate Exam* |
| 2. | Exam   |    |                 |

(\*) Indicates alternate assignment