

HISTORY OF VIETNAM

I. READINGS

There is one textbook six outside readings, and a optional Microsoft Power Point multi-media project. All books for this course can be purchased in our school bookstore, any good bookstore, or online at a discount price, and are available in most libraries. The text although not required will help you in getting a greater understanding of Vietnam and the history of the United States involvement in that countries history.

TEXT:

Karnow, Stanley, **Vietnam: A History.** (New York, N.Y., 1983)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

O' Brien, Tim, **The Things They Carried.** (Penguin Books, 1990)

Ninh, Bao, **Sorrow of War: A Novel of North Vietnam.** (Riverhead books. 1996)

Bilton, Michael, Sim, Kevin, **Four Hours In My Lai.** (Penguin Books, 1992)

Ehrhart, W.D., **Passing Time.** (University of Massachusetts Press, 1986)

Hayslip, Le Ly, Wurts, Jay, **When Heaven and Earth Changed Places.** (Plume Books, 1989)

O'Brien, Tim, **In The Lake of the Woods.** (Houghton Mifflin, 1994)

The Karnow book runs concurrently with the video-tapes which we will be viewing each week.

II. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There will be a final examination.

In addition you will be required to write **SIX (6)** book reviews on your outside readings.

You will get opinion papers, and papers pertaining to our outside visitations.

You may replace one of your book reviews by completeing a Microsoft Power Point Multi-Media project.

REVIEW OF FIRST MARKING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS

1. Paper on visitation to the **Philadelphia Vietnam Veteran's Memorial**

Paper due by **11October, 2001**

Included in this paper will be a personal account of your visit, and the researching of the death of one of the veteran's on the wall. Include an etching of his name from the wall.

2. Paper on the O' Brien book: **The Things They Carried**

Paper Due on **24 September, 2001**

18 Days

3. Paper on the Ninh book **Sorrow of War**

Paper Due on **15 October, 2001**

20 Days

4. Paper on the Bilton, Sim book **Four Hours In My Lai**

Paper Due on **31 October, 2001**

17 Days

REVIEW OF SECOND MARKING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS

1. A personal account of your experiences and feelings during our class trip to the **National Vietnam Memorial** in Washington DC Include finding your Philadelphia veteran and taking an etching from the Washington memorial.
Paper Due on **19 November, 2001** **19 Days**
2. Paper on the Ehrhart book **Passing Time**.
Paper Due on **19 November, 2001** **19 Days**
3. Paper on the Hayslip, Wurts book **When Heaven and Earth Changed Places**.
Paper Due on **10 December, 2001** **22 days**
4. Paper on the O'Brien book **In the Lake of the Woods**
Paper Due on **07 January, 2002** **26 days**
5. **Final Examination** on the date scheduled by the school. **Week of 14 January, 2002**

III. IN ADDITION - EXTRA EVENTS IN THE COURSE

1. We will have speakers from the Montgomery County Vietnam Veteran's of America.
2. We will have speakers from the Friend's Peace Committee.
3. A Sunday bus trip to Arlington National Cemetery and the **National Vietnam Veteran's Memorial** in Washington DC
The date of the trip will be **4 November, 2001**

ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THIS TRIP IT IS PART OF THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

IV. SCHEDULE AND READING LIST

SEPTEMBER 06 - 07	Introduction - Get familiar with the materials and course procedures
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SEPTEMBER **Roots of the War - to 1946**
10 - 14 Karnow , pgs 47-127

SEPTEMBER 17 - 21 **The First Vietnam War: The Struggle Against France**
Karnow, pgs 128-205

SEPTEMBER 24 - 28 **America's Mandarin: The Diem Regime, 1954 - 1963**
Karnow, pgs 206-311

BOOK REVIEW # 1 DUE 24 SEPTEMBER,2001

OCTOBER 01 - 05	L.B.J. Goes To War, 1963 - 1965 Karnow, pgs 312-426
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OCTOBER 08 – 12	America Takes Charge: Fighting The War, 1965 - 1967 Karnow, pgs 427-513
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BOOK REVIEW #2 DUE 15 OCTOBER, 2001

OCTOBER **A personal look at Vietnam:**

15 - 19 A look at film, music, and literature on the Vietnam era
We will view the movie **BAT 21**

PHILADELPHIA WAR MEMORIAL PAPER DUE 11 OCTOBER, 2001

OCTOBER **History or Hollywood**
23 - 26 Discussion and preview of history or Hollywood through war film.
Discussion leader Mr. William Geiger

OCTOBER **The TET Offensive: 1968**
29 - 31 pgs. 514-566
NOVEMBER
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BOOK REVIEW # 3 DUE 31 OCTOBER, 2001
HISTORY OR HOLLYWOOD PAPERS DUE 6 NOVEMBER, 2001

NOVEMBER **Vietnamization: 1968 - 1973**
05 - 09 Karnow, pgs 567 - 612

NOVEMBER **Cambodia and Laos**
12 - 16 Karnow, pgs 567 - 612

BOOK REVIEW # 4 DUE 19 NOVEMBER, 2001
TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC 04 NOVEMBER, 2001

NOVEMBER **Homefront U.S.A. - The Anti-War Movement**
19 - 21 Karnow, pgs 567-612
NOVEMBER
26 - 30

WASHINGTON DC TRIP PAPER DUE 19 NOVEMBER, 2001

DECEMBER **Peace Is At Hand: War and Negotiations**
03 - 07 Karnow, pgs 613-655

DECEMBER **The End of the War: 1973 - 1975**
10 - 14 Karnow, pgs 655-670

BOOK REVIEW # 5 DUE 10 DECEMBER, 2001

DECEMBER **How The Movies View Vietnam**
17 - 20 A look at how the movies have portrayed the Vietnam War and the American
role in the conflict. We will view a popular movie on Vietnam.

JANUARY **The Vietnam Experience**
03 - 14 Personal accounts of the war in Vietnam

Legacies, Conclusion, and Evaluation
Karnow, pgs 623 - 670

BOOK REVIEW # 6 DUE 07 JANUARY, 2002

FINAL EXAMINATION WEEK OF 14 JANUARY, 2002

GRADES AND CLASS REQUIREMENTS

ALL students **MUST** have everyday in class the following:

PEN (with ink) or **PENCIL** (with point)
Notebook, with perforated edges

ALL students must arrive on time
Class begins with a prayer
Sit in **YOUR** assigned seat

GRADES

The LaSalle College high School grading system is used, this is
Located in the Student Program of Studies.

A	=	100 - 95
A-	=	94 - 93
B+	=	92 - 90
B	=	89 - 87
B-	=	86 - 85
C+	=	84 - 82
C	=	81 - 79
C-	=	78 - 77
D+	=	76 - 75
D	=	74 - 73
D-	=	72 - 70
F	=	Below 70

ALL students are responsible for staying current in their reading and note taking.
ALL students **MUST** complete **ALL** assignments **ON TIME**. **NO** late assignments will be accepted.

Students grades are based on the following criteria

Tests
Papers
Homework
Multi-Media project
Class participation

**THERE WILL BE NO EATING
OR DRINKING IN CLASS**

NO WATER BOTTLES