

## 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 **11 October, 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**
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 **Introduction** - Get familiar with the materials and course procedures  
06 - 07

SEPTEMBER **Roots of the War - to 1946**  
10 - 14 Karnow , pgs 47-127

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

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

**BOOK REVIEW # 1 DUE 24 SEPTEMBER,2001**

OCTOBER **L.B.J. Goes To War, 1963 - 1965**  
01 - 05 Karnow, pgs 312-426

OCTOBER **America Takes Charge: Fighting The War, 1965 - 1967**  
08 - 12 Karnow, pgs 427-513

**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 23 - 26	<b>History or Hollywood</b> Discussion and preview of history or Hollywood through war film. Discussion leader Mr. William Geiger
OCTOBER 29 - 31	<b>The TET Offensive: 1968</b> pgs. 514-566
NOVEMBER 01	<b>BOOK REVIEW # 3</b> <b>DUE 31 OCTOBER, 2001</b> <b>HISTORY OR HOLLYWOOD PAPERS DUE 6 NOVEMBER, 2001</b>
NOVEMBER 05 - 09	<b>Vietnamization: 1968 - 1973</b> Karnow, pgs 567 - 612
NOVEMBER 12 - 16	<b>Cambodia and Laos</b> Karnow, pgs 567 - 612
	<b>BOOK REVIEW # 4</b> <b>DUE 19 NOVEMBER, 2001</b> <b>TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC 04 NOVEMBER, 2001</b>
NOVEMBER 19 - 21	<b>Homefront U.S.A. - The Anti-War Movement</b>
NOVEMBER 26 - 30	Karnow, pgs 567-612

## **WASHINGTON DC TRIP PAPER DUE 19 NOVEMBER, 2001**

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

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

## **BOOK REVIEW #5 DUE 10 DECEMBER, 2001**

<b>DECEMBER</b> 17 - 20	<b>How The Movies View Vietnam</b> 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.
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## **JANUARY 03 - 14 The Vietnam Experience**

## **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.

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

**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**