

## HISTORY OF VIETNAM

### I. READINGS

There is one summer reading, one textbook, five outside readings, and a optional Microsoft Power Point multi-media project. All books for this course can be purchased in our school bookstore, or 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:

Roy, Jules, The Battle of Dien Bien Phu, (Carroll & Graf, 2002)

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, Home 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 through out the course.

### II. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There will be a final examination.

In addition you will be required to write **FIVE (5)** 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. You must see me at the beginning of the time period of the book you choose not to read to get the mult-media project assignment.

#### REVIEW OF FIRST MARKING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS

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

Paper due by **05 March, 2003**

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 Roy's book: **The Battle of Dien Bien Phu**

Paper Due on **06 February, 2003**

**17 Days**

##### 3. Paper on the Bilton, Sim's Book **Four Hours In My Lai**

Paper Due on **24 February, 2003**

**18 Days**

##### 4. Paper on the Ehrhart's Book, **Passing Time**

Paper Due on **13 March, 2003**

**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 **21 April, 2003**
2. Paper on the Hayslip, Wurts book **When Heaven and Earth Changed Places**.  
Paper Due on **31 March, 2003** **18 Days**
3. Paper **The Role of Hollywood in War**.  
Paper Due on **01 May, 2003** **15 days**
4. Paper on the O'Brien book **In the Lake of the Woods**  
Paper Due on **05 May, 2003** **35 days**
5. **Final Examination** on the date scheduled by the school.  
**Week of 27 May, 2003**

### 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 **23 March, 2003**

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

### IV. SCHEDULE AND READING LIST

JANUARY 21 - 22	<b>Introduction</b> - Get familiar with the materials and course procedures
JANUARY 23 - 31	<b>Roots of the War - to 1946</b> Karnow , pgs 47-127
FEBRUARY 03 - 07	<b>The First Vietnam War: The Struggle Against France</b> Karnow, pgs 128-205

**BOOK REVIEW # 1 DUE 06 FEBRUARY, 2003**

FEBRUARY 10 - 14	<b>America's Mandarin: The Diem Regime, 1954 - 1963</b> Karnow, pgs 206-311
FEBRUARY 18 - 21	<b>L.B.J. Goes To War, 1963 - 1965</b> Karnow, pgs 312-426
FEBRUARY 24 - 28	<b>America Takes Charge: Fighting The War, 1965 - 1967</b> Karnow, pgs 427-513

**BOOK REVIEW # 2 DUE 24 FEBRUARY, 2003**

MARCH  
03 - 07

**A social look at Vietnam:**  
Music, reporting, and literature of the Vietnam era

**PHILADELPHIA WAR MEMORIAL PAPER DUE 05 MARCH, 2003**

MARCH  
10 - 13

**The Tet Offensive: 1968**  
Karnow, pgs. 514-566

**BOOK REVIEW # 3 DUE 13 MARCH, 2003**

MARCH  
17 - 21

**Vietnamization: 1968 - 1973**  
Karnow, pgs. 567 – 612

**TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC 23 MARCH, 2003**

MARCH  
24 - 28

**Cambodia and Laos**  
Karnow, pgs 567 – 612

**BOOK REVIEW # 4 DUE 31 MARCH, 2003**

MARCH  
31

**Homefront U.S.A. – The Anti-War Movement**  
Karnow, pgs 567 – 612

APRIL  
01 - 04

APRIL  
07 - 16

**History or Hollywood**

Discussion and preview of history or Hollywood through war film.  
Discussion leader Mr. William Geiger

**WASHINGTON DC TRIP PAPER DUE 21 APRIL, 2003**

APRIL  
28 - 30  
MAY  
01 - 02

**Peace Is At Hand: War and Negotiations**

Karnow, pgs 613-655

**HISTORY OR HOLLYWOOD PAPERS DUE 01 MAY, 2003**

MAY  
05 - 08

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

MAY  
12 - 16

**America's Enemy: 1954 - 1967**  
A closer look at the enemy, and our Vietnam conflict as their war of  
Independence

MAY  
19 - 23

**The Vietnam Experience**  
Personal accounts of the war in Vietnam

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

**BOOK REVIEW # 6 DUE 05 MAY, 2003**

**FINAL EXAMINATION WEEK OF 27 MAY, 2003**

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## **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**