CHAPTER TEST  The Vietnam War Years

Part 1: Main Ideas

Write the letter of the term or name that best matches each description. Not all terms or names will be used. (4 points each)

a. Army of the Republic of Vietnam  g. Richard Nixon
b. doves  h. Lyndon Johnson
c. hawks  i. Vietminh
d. Robert McNamara  j. Vietcong
e. Henry Kissinger  k. Khmer Rouge
f. Ho Chi Minh  l. Free Speech Movement

______ 1. president who used the Tonkin Gulf incident as an excuse to deepen U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War
______ 2. Vietnamese forces that were supported by American troops
______ 3. Americans who supported strong U.S. military efforts in Vietnam
______ 4. top U.S. negotiator on Vietnam during Nixon’s presidency
______ 5. South Vietnamese citizens who fought against the South Vietnamese government and American forces
______ 6. Communist leader of the Vietnamese struggle against the French, the Japanese, and the Americans
______ 7. U.S. president responsible for the Vietnamization of the war
______ 8. Communist group that took control of Cambodia in 1975
______ 9. political organization whose goal was to win Vietnam’s independence from foreign rule
______ 10. organization led by Mario Savio that focused its criticism on the nation’s faceless and powerful institutions
Part 2: Map Skills

Use the map to complete this section. Write the letter of the best answer. (2 points each)

11. Which cities did the United States target in massive bombing attacks in December 1972?
   a. Hanoi and Haiphong
   b. Dien Bien Phu and Hanoi
   c. My Lai and Ben Tre
   d. Vinh and Quang Tri

12. Which country lies north and east of Vinh?
   a. Cambodia  
   b. China  
   c. Laos  
   d. Thailand

13. Approximately how many miles would troops have to travel from Hanoi to Saigon using the Ho Chi Minh Trail?
   a. 250  
   b. 450  
   c. 650  
   d. 850

14. Which statement accurately describes the Ho Chi Minh Trail?
   a. It was used mainly to move South Vietnamese troops north.
   b. It connected key cities and ports within South Vietnam.
   c. Most of it was located outside the borders of Vietnam.
   d. It connected the capital of North Vietnam to points south.

15. Locate Ben Tre on the map. Why might the United States have conducted a “search-and-destroy mission” at this location?
   a. There may have been Vietminh and Vietcong in Ben Tre.
   b. Ben Tre was a key supply center along the Ho Chi Minh Trail.
   c. The North Vietnamese fired at the U.S.S. Maddox from Ben Tre.
   d. The South Vietnamese had placed many mines in the harbor near Ben Tre.
Use the map to answer the following questions in complete sentences. (5 points each)

16. How does the location of the Ho Chi Minh Trail help explain why Nixon chose to bomb Laos and Cambodia as part of the war against the North Vietnamese?

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17. Locate Saigon on the map. Why would the North Vietnamese capture of this city cause South Vietnam to surrender?

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**Part 3: Interpreting Charts**

Use the chart to complete this section. Write the letter of the best answer. (2 points each)

18. What percent of Americans between the ages of 30 and 49 opposed immediate withdrawal from Vietnam in 1969?
   a. 7%
   b. 34%
   c. 57%
   d. 59%

   [Use the chart to answer]

19. Which region of the country had the most support for immediate withdrawal?
   a. East
   b. Midwest
   c. South
   d. West

   [Use the chart to answer]

20. Which category of people on the chart had the least opposition to immediate withdrawal?
   a. suburbs
   b. East
   c. age 29 or under
   d. age 50 and over

   [Use the chart to answer]

21. Which category had the greatest percent of people who were unsure about their opinion?
   a. towns and rural areas
   b. age 30–39
   c. age 50 and over
   d. suburbs

   [Use the chart to answer]
22. Which of the following statements is supported by the chart?
   a. Opposition to the war was greatest among people in the midwest.
   b. Everyone in America was certain in his or her opinion about the war.
   c. A majority of people in the West supported immediate withdrawal from the war.
   d. People in the East and in cities were most evenly divided in their opinions.

Use the chart on page 417 to answer the following questions in complete sentences.
(5 points each)

23. Was support for immediate withdrawal stronger in the cities or in the suburbs?
   Why might this be so?

24. In 1969, President Nixon proposed a gradual withdrawal of U.S. troops from
   Southeast Asia. Think about the poll question in the chart. Does the chart
   accurately reflect public opinion about Nixon’s plan? Explain.

Part 4: Extended Response

Answer each of the following questions in a short essay on the back of this paper or on a
separate sheet. (10 points each)

25. In your opinion, why did so many Americans, sooner or later, come to oppose
   U.S. involvement in Vietnam? Think About:
   - the reasons for U.S. involvement
   - the role of television in shaping public opinion
   - the costs of the war
   - beliefs about whether the war could be won
   - the impact of the Pentagon Papers

26. What important lessons about modern warfare did the Vietnam War offer the
   United States? Explain your ideas. Think About:
   - how the U.S. assessed the capabilities of the Vietcong
   - the effectiveness of bombing campaigns against entrenched forces
   - the role of the United States as the world’s police force
   - involvement in other country’s civil wars
   - the importance of soldiers’ feeling personally committed to a struggle