

# Vietnam

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BELLRINGER:

In notebook...

Number the events in the order that they happened.

\_\_\_ Ho Chi Minh takes over Vietnam.

\_\_\_ The Vietnam War begins.

\_\_\_ Vietnam is divided into North Vietnam and South Vietnam.

\_\_\_ President Eisenhower promises to help South Vietnam.

## READING FOCUS QUESTIONS:

These should be review but make sure they are answered in your notebook.

- How did Vietnam become a divided country?
- How did the United States first become involved in Vietnam?
- Why did America increase its involvement in the Vietnam War?



1954

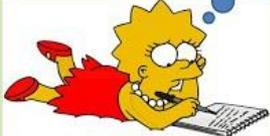
Origins of the Vietnam War

How did Vietnam become split into two by 1954?



## Why did the USA get involved in Vietnam during Eisenhower's presidency?

Reasons for US involvement in Vietnam

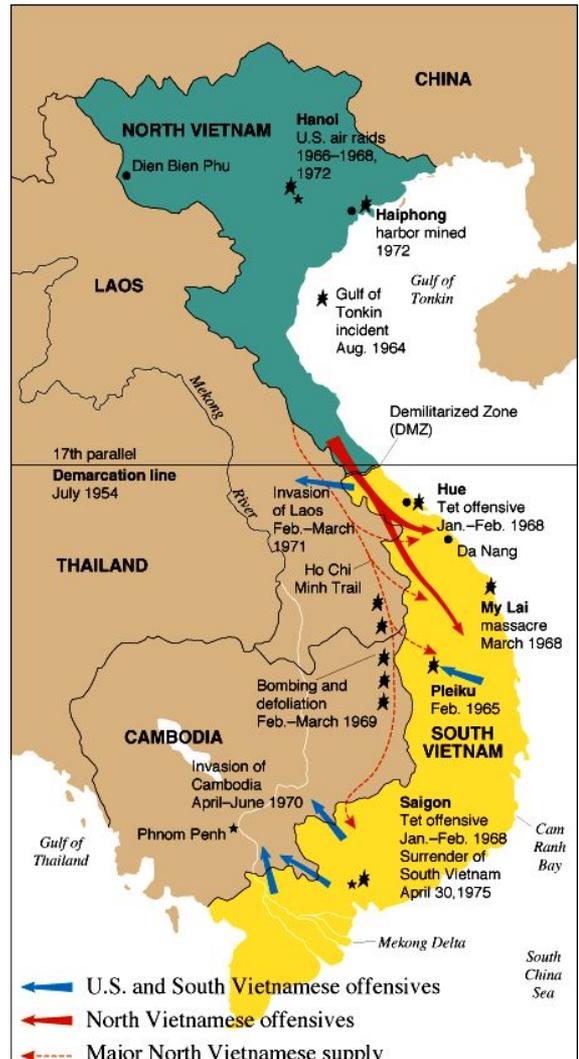


In March 1967 David Parks, an African American soldier serving in Vietnam, described an enemy attack on his camp,

“I was asleep when the first shell exploded. The earth shook and I rolled to the ground as someone hollered, ‘Incoming!’...I shook like jelly as the shrapnel burst all around our bunker... All we could do was open up with our 50-caliber and small arms... I’m not sure the native people are with us. They smile at us in the daytime and their sons shoot at us at night. It’s hard to spot the real enemy.”



# Where is Vietnam?



## Dien Bien Phu Battle

- The French defeat at Dien Bien Phu in 1954 signalled the end of French influence in Indochina. The battle fought around Dien Bien Phu was the last major campaign by a European state in the region; by the end of the decade the United States was to become the prominent foreign power in Vietnam and the influence of France dwindled to barely nothing

- The Battle of Dien Bien Phu was the decisive engagement in the first **Indochina** War (1946–54). After French forces occupied the Dien Bien Phu valley in late 1953, **VietMinh** commander Vo Nguyen Giap amassed troops and placed heavy artillery in caves of the mountains overlooking the French camp

- Dien Bien Phu (label on your map) was a town in northwest Vietnam with an isolated air base built and used by the Japanese in World War Two. It was near the Vietnam/Laos border



## How Is Foreign Policy Accomplished?

Several important “tools” the U.S. uses to accomplish foreign policy goals:

- **Diplomacy:** Maintaining positive relationships with other nations
- **Treaties:** Formal agreements between our country and another
- **Alliances:** Unions of friendship between our country and our **allies**
- **Military:** Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard
- **Foreign Aid:** Help we give to other nations in need

