

US History

8th grade

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**IF YOU DIDN'T GET
THE GRADE YOU WANTED**

A meme featuring a young man with a serious expression, wearing a dark racing suit with a patch on the chest and a headband. He is pointing his right hand forward. The background is dark and out of focus.

**IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE I DIDN'T
GET THE WORK I WANTED**

- The causes of the Vietnam War were derived from the symptoms, components and consequences of the Cold War.
- The causes of the Vietnam War revolve around the simple belief held by America that communism was threatening to expand all over south-east Asia.

- Neither the Soviet Union nor the United States could risk an all-out war against each other, such was the nuclear military might of both.
- However, when it suited both, they had client states that could carry on the fight for them. In Vietnam, the Americans actually fought – therefore in the Cold War ‘game’, the USSR could not.
- To support the Communist cause, the Soviet Union armed its fellow Communist state, China, who would, in turn, arm and equip the North Vietnamese who fought the Americans.

- Before World War Two, Vietnam had been part of the French Empire.
- During the war, the country had been overrun by the Japanese. When the Japanese retreated, the people of Vietnam took the opportunity to establish their own government lead by Ho Chi Minh.
- However, after the end of the war, the Allies (Britain, France, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India, the Soviet Union, China and the United States of America) gave back South Vietnam to the French while the north was left in the hands of the non-communist Chinese.

- The Nationalist Chinese treated the North Vietnamese very badly and support for Ho Chi Minh grew. He had been removed from power at the end of the war.

