

Q U E S T I O N E I G H T E E N



EXPLORING AMERICA'S HISTORY THROUGH COMPELLING QUESTIONS

S T U D E N T W O R K B O O K 

NAME

PERIOD

F I R S T Q U E S T I O N WHY DIDN'T WE WIN OUR WAR IN VIETNAM?



MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

PEOPLE & GROUPS

Ho Chi Minh
Viet Minh
Ngo Dinh Diem
Thich Quang Duc
Robert McNamara
Viet Cong
William Westmoreland
Walter Cronkite
Students for a Democratic
Society
Muhammad Ali
Vietnamese Boat People
Maya Lin

IDEAS

Baby Killer
Rich man's war and a poor
man's fight
Vietnam Syndrome

SCIENCE

Agent Orange

EVENTS

Assassination of Diem
Operation Rolling Thunder
Tet Offensive
1968 Democratic Primary
My Lai Massacre
Invasion of Cambodia
Columbia University
Protest
Kent State Shooting
Jackson State Shooting
Operation Frequent Wind
Surrender of South
Vietnam

PLACES

Free-Fire Zones
Ho Chi Minh Trail
Vietnam War Memorial

TREATIES, LAWS & POLICIES

Geneva Accords
Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
Vietnamization
26th Amendment

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Campus: a area where the buildings of a university or school are located
Casualty: someone injured or killed
Civilian: a nonmilitary person
Deferment: act of putting off to a future time
Dormitory: a large building with rooms for sleeping
Emblematic: serving as a visible symbol for something abstract
Heartache: intense sorrow
Iconic: relating to a symbolic figure
Insurgency: an organized rebellion aimed at overthrowing a government
Intertwine: spin, wind, or twist together
Massacre: the excessive killing of many people
Meander: move or cause to move in a sinuous or circular course
Mollify: cause to be more favorably inclined
Platoon: a military unit that is a subdivision of a company
Premeditated: planned ahead of time
Pummel: strike, usually with the fist
Quagmire: a soft wet area of low-lying land that sinks underfoot
Reunification: the act of coming together again
Revocation: the act of undoing something

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S E C O N D Q U E S T I O N SHOULD WE TRUST OUR NATION'S LEADERS?



MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

PEOPLE & GROUPS

Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo
The Plumber
George McGovern
Committee to Re-Elect the President (CREEP)
G. Gordon Liddy
Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein
Deep Throat
John Dean, H.R. Halderman, John Ehrlichman and John Mitchell
Archibald Cox
Alexander Butterfield
Gerald Ford
Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini

IDEAS

Impeachment
Obstruction of Justice
Theocracy
Anti-Nuclear Movement

EVENTS

Watergate Scandal
Watergate Hearings
Saturday Night Massacre
Nixon's Resignation
Pardon of Nixon
Iranian Revolution
Iranian Hostage Crisis
Operation Eagle Claw

PLACES

Watergate Complex
Three Mile Island
Chernobyl

COURT CASES & LAWS

New York Times Co. v. United States
United States v. Nixon
25th Amendment

DOCUMENTS

The Pentagon Papers

SPEECHES

"I am not a crook"

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Allegation: a formal accusation against somebody
Ambiguous: having more than one possible meaning
Backlash: a movement back from an impact
Blackmail: extortion of money by threats to divulge harmful information
Botch: make a mess of, destroy, or ruin
Cantankerous: stubbornly obstructive and unwilling to cooperate
Catastrophic: extremely harmful; bringing physical or financial ruin
Conspiracy: a plot to do some harmful or illegal act
Fundraise: collect money for a cause or project
Hostage: a prisoner held to insure that another party will meet terms
Indecisive: unable to make a decision
Injunction: a judge's order to stop doing something
Lenient: tolerant
Lopsided: having one side lower or smaller or lighter than the other
Mistrial: a legal proceeding that is invalid or inconclusive
Override: travel on the back of (a horse) too hard
Paranoia: believing everyone is out to get you
Scandal: a disgraceful event
Tarnish: make or become dirty or spotty
Ubiquitous: being present everywhere at once

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T H I R D Q U E S T I O N

IS IT BAD FOR AMERICA THAT SO FEW OF THE THINGS WE BUY ARE MADE HERE?



MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

PEOPLE & GROUPS

Jimmy Carter
Big Three
Ronald Reagan
Anti-Globalization
Movement
Social Justice Movement

IDEAS

Bretton Woods System
Gold Standard
Inflation
Stagflation
Globalization
Outsource
McWorld

SPEECHES

Malaise Speech

COURT CASES

Citizens United v. FCC

BOOKS

No Logo

PLACES

Rust Belt

EVENTS

Nixon Shock
1973 Oil Embargo
Battle in Seattle
Washington DC Protests

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PROGRAMS & INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS

World Trade Organization (WTO)
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
World Bank
Group of Seven (G7)
Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
Whip Inflation Now (WIN)
Strategic Petroleum Reserve
North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Cautionary: serving to warn

Curfew: a time when everything must stop and people must return home

Fed up: thoroughly disgusted with or annoyed at something

formalize: make official

hubris: overbearing pride or presumption

integrated: formed or united into a whole

irreversible: incapable of being turned around

juxtaposed: placed side by side often for comparison

malaise: a general feeling of discomfort, uneasiness, or depression

maximize: make as big or large as possible

monetary: relating to or involving money

outstrip: go far ahead of

proponent: a person who supports and idea or person

quadruple: multiply by four

resonate: produce a deep, clear sound

skyrocket: shoot up abruptly, like a rocket

textile: fabric

unconstrained: free from limitation

unregulated: not subject to rule or discipline

zenith: the highest point of something

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