

Vietnam War and Peace Unit III: Vietnam 1956-1963 Essential Questions

- 1) In what ways did the United States gradually increase its commitment to wage war in Vietnam?
- 2) Why did the United States support South Vietnam's refusal to hold nationwide elections in 1956?
- 3) How did North Vietnam respond to the false promise of free elections?
- 4) How did the NLF / Vietcong soldiers mobilize the support of the peasantry?
- 5) How did the Ho Chi Minh trail involve Laos and Cambodia in the Vietnam War?
- 6) How did U.S. policy towards Vietnam shift with changes in presidential administrations?
- 7) Why were the Strategic Hamlets considered a failure?
- 8) In what ways were the Vietcong "winning" the war?
- 9) In what ways did the Buddhist self-immolation impact U.S. policy towards Vietnam?
- 10) What would JFK have done in Vietnam if he had lived?