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Title: The US & the Vietnam War

Status: Definitive

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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

| Team | Leader |
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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ6 Value: 20 Delivered 37

Hours:

Total Private

Learning 200 Study: 163

Hours:

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

| Component | Contact Hours | |
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| Online | 2 | |
| Workshop | 33 | |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Presentation | AS1 | Poster on Vietnam War | 40 | |
| Exam | AS2 | Exam covering content of module | 60 | 2 |

Aims

- 1. Allow you to explore, explain and critically assess the factors that led to the US intervention in Vietnam and examine the short and long term impact of the war on US politics, society and culture
- 2.Apply primary source material, literary text, film material to illuminate the decision making process and the key controversies surrounding the conflict

3. Critically examine the historiographical debate about the conflict and its legacy

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand and interpret the political, social and cultural legacies of the conflict within the US
- 2 Critically evaluate primary source material and use it to bring to life an issue related to the war in poster format
- Offer clear and scholarly opinion on key controversies relating to the US intervention and produce coherent, evidenced and concise written argument

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Group Poster 1 2

Exam 1 3

Outline Syllabus

We will look at some of the following issues:

The Vietnam War in a Cold War setting; the Vietnamese experience; JFK and the War; LBJ and escalation of US intervention; Nixon's ending of the war; the military experience in Vietnam; the media reporting of the war; the anti-war movement; Hollywood and Vietnam.

Learning Activities

Weekly reading to prepare for workshops

Collating and interpreting source material

Preparing for and delivering group presentations/discussion

Attending and engaging with weekly taught sessions

Production of a poster – applying techniques learnt in class and drawing on the skills of your group to bring an issue related to America's history to life in a visual and academic manner.

Notes

This module will explore the complex nature of the Vietnam War in the short, medium and long term and consider how the conflict impacted on US policymaking, society and culture.