**Vietnam War Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the questions that follow:

[Overview of the Vietnam War - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-vietnam-war-reading/)

1. How long did the Vietnam War last?
2. What were some of the consequences of the war?
3. When did French colonialism in Vietnam begin?
4. Who proclaimed the independence of Vietnam on September 2, 1945?
5. What was the purpose of the "Viet Minh"?
6. Why did the United States initially support France's efforts to maintain control over Vietnam?
7. What was the outcome of the Battle of Dien Bien Phu?
8. How was Vietnam divided after the defeat of the French?
9. Why did the United States send military advisors to South Vietnam?
10. What event led to the escalation of the United States' commitment to Vietnam?
11. What was Operation Rolling Thunder?
12. How did the North Vietnamese respond to the United States' military presence?
13. When did the United States deploy ground troops to South Vietnam?
14. How long did Operation Rolling Thunder last?
15. What role did the draft play during the Vietnam War?
16. When did the draft effectively end?
17. What was the Tet Offensive?
18. What was the significance of the Tet Offensive?
19. When did North Vietnamese troops enter the city of Saigon?
20. What were some of the consequences of the war?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your research, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What* [*motivated*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/motives-and-historical-empathy/) *American’s involvement in the Vietnam War?*