Mr. Ciambarella Unit 8 Day 1

**The Background & Start of The Vietnam War**

**Directions: This will count as a 15-point Class Activity Grade**. **Work together and at the same pace as your partner. Your grade for this activity is based on 50% Teamwork and working with your partner & active discussion with your partner and 50% brief and simple notes you write on this sheet when required.**

1. By yourself read pages 936-937 but stop reading on Page 937 when it begins "The Vietminh Drive Out the French". After you and your partner are done reading those pages then together DISCUSS these questions and write very simple notes after you have discussed each question.
2. From 1900-1940 Vietnam was a colony of what country?
3. Who are the 3 colonies that made up "Indochina" in the 1940s?
4. From 1940-45 which country took control of Vietnam and Indochina and why?
5. After the USA drops atomic bombs on Japan in 1945, Vietnam wants to be what and why?
6. Who becomes the leader of Vietnam's Independence Movement? What does his name mean? Where did he travel around the world?
7. NOW- open MR. C's website to **"Week 4 Vietnam Declaration of Independence"**
8. Read only the first 3 paragraphs and discuss with your partner: Who does Vietnam quote at the start of its Declaration of Independence and why?
9. Just briefly skim over the next 10-12 paragraphs and discuss with your partner: What is the purpose of this part? Does it copy any other country's Declaration of Independence structure? Why?
10. Finally read the last 2 paragraphs? What is the document saying at the end and why?
11. Discuss with your partner: Based on Vietnam's Declaration of Independence- who do you think Ho Chi Minh and Vietnam hope will come to its aid and support its quest for independence?
12. However in 1945-50 the USA does NOT support Vietnam's quest for Independence. Instead it supports France's goal to turn Vietnam and Indochina into a colony of France once again. Before we read more about it, what are your thoughts about this? Why did the USA support France instead of Vietnam? What are your thoughts about this? DISCUSS with your partner.
13. Let's place the decision of the USA to support France and not Vietnam into our "Cold War Theory Context". Discuss with your partner:
14. What was Theory #1 about the Cold War (Russian Menace Theory) and how would Vietnam fit into this theory?
15. What was Theory #2 about the Cold War (US Imperialism Theory) and how would Vietnam fit into this theory?
16. Now by yourself finish reading **page 937 only the last paragraph** starting at "The Vietminh Drive out the French"

After you read this last paragraph discuss with your partner: What is President Eisenhower's domino theory? "The domino theory" is used as further justification of which Cold War Theory? Do you personally agree with this idea?

1. From 1945-54 there is a war in Vietnam between the "VIETMINH" led by Ho Chi Minh VS. "The French". France's soldiers do all the fighting; however, the USA is paying for the total cost of France's war and providing all the weapons. WHO WINS THIS WAR between the Vietminh vs. France?
2. Now read only the **first paragraph on page 938** and also look at the **Map on page 939**. With your partner DISCUSS and each of you draw a simple map here: What did the 1954 Geneva Accords do to Vietnam? Label the capital of North Vietnam and the capital of South Vietnam?
3. Now read the **rest of page 938 only** and DISCUSS with your partner:
4. Who does the USA support in the battle between North vs South Vietnam?
5. Who is the "puppet President" that the USA installs in South Vietnam?
6. Why is Ho Chi Minh much, much more popular than Diem?
7. Who are the Vietcong?
8. What is the Ho Chi Minh Trail?
9. Now read **only the top of page 940**. Stop reading at "President Johnson". After you read DISCUSS with your partner:
10. Why do many Vietnamese people NOT like USA-puppet President DIEM?
11. What do some Buddhist monks start to do to protest DIEM?
12. What does the USA (led by President JFK) decide to do to DIEM on November 1, 1963?
13. Let's pause and reflect….DISCUSS with your partner….
14. What are your thoughts about the overall background leading up to The Vietnam War?

After you discuss this last question and write a few notes on what you and your partner discuss, you are finished. Make sure you upload this worksheet to your homework folder so I can give you a grade.