

Teacher Resource

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Vietnam War



FOCUS QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss the BtN *Vietnam War* story in pairs and record the main points of your discussion.
- 2. Locate Vietnam using Google Maps. Where is it in relation to Australia?
- 3. Why were North Vietnam and South Vietnam at war?
- 4. Why did Australia fight in the Vietnam War?
- 5. How many Australians served in the war?
- 6. Many Australians were conscripted to serve in the Vietnam War. What does that mean?
- 7. Why were some Australians against conscription?
- 8. Which was the deadliest battle for Australian troops in the war?
- 9. What was a positive to come out of the Vietnam War?
- 10. Name three things you learnt watching the BtN *Vietnam War* story.



ACTIVITY

Watch the BtN *Vietnam War* story and discuss as a class. What questions were raised in the discussion (what are the gaps in their knowledge)? The following questions may help guide the discussion:

- · Why did Australia become involved in the Vietnam War?
- How many Australians were involved in the War?
- What happened at the battle of Long Tan?

The following KWLH organiser provides students with a framework to explore their knowledge on this topic and consider what they would like to know and learn.

What do I <u>k</u> now?	What do I <u>w</u> ant to know?	What have I <u>l</u> earnt?	<u>H</u> ow will I find out?



Students will gain a deeper understanding of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.



History - Year 3

Days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia (including Australia Day, <u>Anzac Day</u>, and National Sorry Day) and the importance of symbols and emblems Year 3

HASS Years 5 & 6

Develop appropriate questions to guide an inquiry about people, events, developments, places, systems and challenges Years 5 & 6

Locate and collect relevant information and <u>data</u> from primary and <u>secondary</u> <u>sources</u> Years 5 & 6

Sequence information about people's lives, events, developments and phenomena using a variety of methods including timelines Years 5 & 6

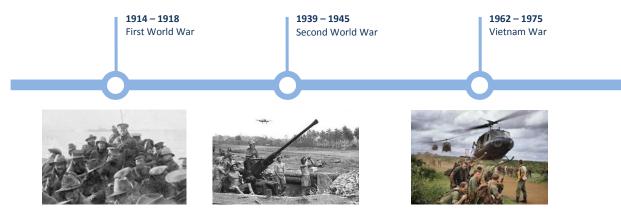
Examine primary and <u>secondary</u> <u>sources</u> to determine their origin and purpose

Students will develop their own question/s for inquiry, collecting and recording information from a wide variety of sources.





Australia's involvement in war



Ask students to create a timeline that highlights Australia's involvement in war over the last 100 years. Students will work in small groups to work through the following questions, gathering basic information and understanding. Students will find and collect images, photographs, illustrations and video that represents Australia's involvement in war.

- Why did Australia become involved in this war?
- What was Australia's involvement?
- What impact did this war have on Australia and its people?

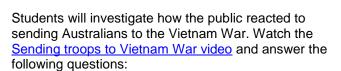
Refer to the Australia War Memorial and the Civics and Citizenship following websites for more information.



Conscription and Reactions to the War

Watch the <u>Vietnam birthday ballot video</u> and answer the following questions about conscription:

- What is conscription?
- How were men chosen to go to the Vietnam War?
- Why did Australia have to conscript men for military service?
- How do you feel about conscription?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of conscription?



- What did the people in the video think about sending Australians to the Vietnam War?
- Do you think this was how most Australians felt about Australia's involvement?
- How did views about Australia's involvement in the war change over time?









Images of the Vietnam War

Ask students to look at the images of the Vietnam War. For each of the photographs discuss the following questions:

- What do you think is happening in the photograph?
- How do you think the people in the photo are feeling?
- If you could ask the person/people in the photo a question, what would it be?
- Why has the photographer chosen this image? What do you think he/she is trying to show us?
- · Create a caption for the image.



Source: Australian War Memorial (link to image)



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Source: Powerhouse Museum (link to image)



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Choose a photograph and write a short, fictional story based on the image. You might want to tell the story of the photographer, a person in the photograph, or someone else caught up in the same conflict. Use your research to help you imagine what your characters were thinking and feeling.





Australian War Memorial – Vietnam War 1962-65 https://www.awm.gov.au/atwar/vietnam/

Department of Veterans' Affairs - Australia and the Vietnam War http://vietnam-war.commemoration.gov.au/

ABC News – Battle of Long Tan: Five defining characteristics of Australia's costliest Vietnam War battle http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-18/the-battle-of-long-tan-defining-aspects/7719212

ABC News – Battle of Long Tan: How 100 Australian soldiers held off 2,000 Viet Cong http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-18/battle-of-long-tan-explainer-vietnam-war/7710612

Department of Veterans' Affairs – Conscription http://vietnam-war.commemoration.gov.au/conscription/birthday-ballot.php

ABC Splash – Vietnam War http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/topic/496612/vietnam-war

