1954 – 1975

Vietnam War Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. Why was Vietnam divided in 1954?

- (A) After a civil war, the United Nations split it into a Chinese North and a French South
- (B) After the Tet Offensive, the United States split it to protect the government in Saigon
- (C) After Japan's defeat, the Allies split it into a Soviet North and an American South
- (D) After France lost, peace talks split it into communist North and non-communist South

2. What was the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution?

- (A) A resolution by Congress cutting off all money for American troops in South Vietnam
- (B) A resolution by Congress giving the president broad power to escalate the war
- (C) A declaration of war by Congress against both North Vietnam and China
- (D) A resolution by the United Nations ordering US ships out of the gulf

3. What was the Tet Offensive?

- (A) A surprise landing by US and South Vietnamese troops on the North Vietnamese coast
- (B) A final attack by North Vietnamese tanks that captured Saigon in 1975
- (C) A surprise attack by North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces on southern cities
- (D) A bombing campaign by US and South Vietnamese planes on northern cities

4. Why did the Tet Offensive change the war politically?

- (A) It ended in a communist victory that captured Saigon and forced the US to surrender
- (B) It destroyed the North Vietnamese army, leading Congress to declare the war over
- (C) It convinced Americans the war was nearly won, raising support for sending more troops
- (D) It shocked Americans who were told the war was nearly won, turning opinion against it

5. What was Vietnamization?

(A) Ho Chi Minh's plan to unite North and South Vietnam under communist rule
(B) Nixon's plan to invade North Vietnam and place it under South Vietnamese rule
(C) Nixon's plan to pull out US troops and shift fighting to South Vietnamese forces
(D) Johnson's plan to send US combat troops and take over fighting from South Vietnam

6. What happened at Kent State in May 1970?

(A) College students voted to support sending more troops to Vietnam
(B) National Guard soldiers killed four students during an antiwar protest
(C) President Nixon announced the end of the military draft in a speech
(D) Antiwar protesters killed four National Guard soldiers during a march

7. What did the Paris Peace Accords of 1973 do?

(A) Ended direct US military involvement, though North and South kept fighting
(B) Ended the draft at home, though US combat troops stayed for five more years
(C) Ended the war by reuniting Vietnam under a single elected government
(D) Ended the war with a South Vietnamese victory and a northern surrender

8. How did the Vietnam War end?

(A) North Vietnamese forces captured Saigon and reunified Vietnam under communist rule
(B) South Vietnamese forces captured Hanoi and reunified Vietnam under their own rule
(C) United Nations forces took over Saigon and held elections in both halves of Vietnam
(D) American forces defeated North Vietnam and left the country divided at the 17th parallel

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