1954 – 1975

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Vietnam War timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Fall of Saigon**
North Vietnamese forces capture Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, on April 30; the last Americans are evacuated by helicopter from the US embassy roof.

☐ **Gulf of Tonkin Resolution**
After reported attacks on US Navy ships in the Gulf of Tonkin, Congress passes a resolution giving President Johnson sweeping authority to escalate military action in Vietnam.

☐ **US Advisors Arrive**
President Eisenhower sends American military advisors to help train South Vietnam's army.

☐ **Tet Offensive**
North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces launch a massive surprise attack on more than 100 South Vietnamese cities during the Tet holiday.

☐ **First US Combat Troops**
President Johnson sends the first US combat troops to Vietnam; by year's end, nearly 200,000 American soldiers are in the country.

☐ **Kent State Shootings**
National Guard soldiers kill four students during an antiwar protest at Kent State University in Ohio.

☐ **Paris Peace Accords**
The United States and North Vietnam sign a peace agreement; US combat troops withdraw from Vietnam.

☐ **Vietnamization**
President Nixon begins withdrawing US troops and shifting the fighting to South Vietnamese forces, a policy he calls Vietnamization.

☐ **Vietnam Divided**
After France is defeated at Dien Bien Phu, Vietnam is temporarily divided at the 17th parallel into communist North Vietnam and non-communist South Vietnam.

☐ **South Vietnam Weakens**
With US troops gone and Congress cutting military aid, South Vietnam struggles to hold off North Vietnamese advances.

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1955 — 2. US Advisors Arrive

1964 — 3. Gulf of Tonkin Resolution

1965 — 4. First US Combat Troops

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1969 — 6. Vietnamization

1970 — 7. Kent State Shootings

1973 — 8. Paris Peace Accords

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1975 — 10. Fall of Saigon