

Vietnam War-Controversy at Home
DBQ

-Context: In March of 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson sent the first U.S. combat troops into South Vietnam to fight the spread of Communism from North. The casualties of this long war, from both sides, were extensive and brutal due to guerilla warfare and the use of chemical weapons. This information was televised in detail, sparking anti-war movements and weakening the morale of Americans fighting in Vietnam. Also known as “America’s Longest War,” U.S. involvement in Vietnam War did not end until 1973. Although the United States won the war in a numerical sense, having far less casualties than North Vietnam, the U.S. did not accomplish what they had set out to do. The Communist North took control of South Vietnam. Students will critically analyze the primary and secondary sources provided in order to generate hypotheses and formulate and support a conclusion to the inquiry question:

Why was the Vietnam War so controversial?

-Directions: *review the documents provided online and fill out the chart as well.*

Document	Main Point of the Document: What does the document say?	Anything about the document that directly or indirectly answers the question
#1 Draft Resistance Flyer		
#2 Agent Orange <i>(watch Cleaning Agent Orange from the NY Times)</i>		
#3 <i>I Feel Like Fixin’ to Due Rag</i> <i>(watch/listen to the video of the song)</i>		
#4 Excerpts from “Aggressions of the North”		

#5 Napalm		
#6 “Estimate of American Casualties”		
#7 Kent St. Incident <i>(Watch/listen to Neil Young’s Ohio...)</i>		
#8 Senate Debates Gulf of Tonkin Resolution		