Vietnam War - Webquest

Directions: Complete the following questions using the link listed below.

http://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/vietnam-war-history

1. What was the timeframe of the Vietnam War?

2. During World War II, _________ invaded and occupied Vietnam, a nation on the eastern edge of the Indochina Peninsula in Southeast Asia that had been under _________ administration since the late 19th century.

3. Who was Ho Chi Minh and what did he do?
4. Explain the division of Vietnam between the northern half and southern half. Why did this happen? What were the major events?

5. In what ways was the United States’ involvement in the Vietnam conflict an extension of its overall Cold War policies?

6. What was the “domino theory” and how did it apply to the American involvement in Vietnam?

7. By 1962, the U.S. military presence in South Vietnam had reached some _______ troops, compared with fewer than ________ during the 1950s.

8. What happened in the Gulf of Tonkin and how did it impact USA involvement in Vietnam?
9. What was “Operation Rolling Thunder”?

10. In March 1965, ______ made the decision—with solid support from the American public—to send U.S. combat forces into battle in Vietnam. By June, ________ combat troops were stationed in Vietnam, and General William Westmoreland was calling for ________ more by the end of 1965 to shore up the struggling South Vietnamese army.

11. What is meant by a strategy of “attrition”?

12. How were the Viet Cong able to resupply and strengthen their air defenses?

13. By November 1967, the number of American troops in Vietnam was approaching ________, and U.S. casualties had reached ________ killed and ________ wounded.

14. Explain the issues that American government began to face within its own armed forces and on the home front as the Vietnam War dragged on.
15. What was the Tet Offensive?

16. Following the Tet Offensive, what did President Johnson argue in favor of?

17. Explain President Nixon’s term “Vietnamization”.

18. The website states that the anti-war protests related to the Vietnam War divided the USA bitterly. What evidence does the website provide to show this bitter divide?

19. When and where was the largest American anti-war protest?

20. What is meant by “draft-dodging”? Why was this a problem for the United States?
21. What was the incident at Kent State? Why is this event significant?

22. When and how did the United States leave the conflict in Vietnam?

23. How did the Vietnam War affect the Vietnamese?

24. In the United States, the effects of the Vietnam War would linger long after the last troops returned home in 1973. The nation spent more than _____ billion on the conflict in Vietnam from 1965-73.

25. In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was unveiled in Washington, D.C. On it were inscribed the names of ________ American armed forces killed or missing during the war; later additions brought that total to __________.