

Worksheet: The Vietnam War and Its Impact on Australia

Consolidation and analysis

Vietnam was the fullest expression of forward defence — and the moment Cold War consensus began to break down at home. This content underpins Task 5.

Q1. Identify one long-term and one short-term cause of the Vietnam War.

Q2. Complete the table linking the causes of the war to Australia's reasons for involvement.

Q3. Explain the controversy over whether Australia was "requested to support the USA" or actively sought the Vietnam commitment.

Q4. "The Vietnam War changed Australian society more than it changed Australian foreign policy." To what extent do you agree? Support your answer with evidence. (Task 5 practice.)

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