

Revised Entry Level 1–3

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History

Unit 2

History in the Media

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- The chosen topic in this unit is 'The Vietnam War'. Teachers may use their own chosen topic, e.g. The Assassination of President Kennedy/The First World War/The Hillsborough Disaster.
- The tasks for Entry levels 1 and 2 for Assessment Criteria 1.1 and 2.1 are the same.
- These tasks are suggestions or frameworks for teachers to add their own materials and questions.
- Entry Level 3 **Task 3** for Assessment Criteria 3.1.
- A PowerPoint presentation is used in this task but posters/flyers/timelines/wall display are equally as valid.

Unit 2: History in the Media

Entry Level 1

Learning Outcome 1: Understand how and why the media has featured in a historical topic

Assessment criteria 1.1: Identify a historical topic that has featured in the media.

Task 1

Table 1 shows the different types of media and how they have been used to record historical events. Draw a line connecting the different types of media with the correct description on the table.

TABLE 1

Different types of media	How these events are used to record historical events
Television	There are many websites which give lots of information about the Vietnam War.
Radio	Many of these are read at the time of the historical event or sometimes afterwards.
Films	This shows news reports, documentaries and interviews with people who lived at the time of the Vietnam War.
Books	This allows people to listen to soldiers' stories or other information about the Vietnam War.
Internet sites	These were produced in studios so that people could watch what happened during the Vietnam War.

Task 2

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks using the words in the box below to help you.

The Vietnam War took place from 1954 to _____. American soldiers fought soldiers in Vietnam called the _____.

It was called a _____ war because a lot of the fighting took place in thick _____ and underground _____. This war was very _____ in America because of the numbers of soldiers killed. The Vietnam War was reported in the media in the following ways through films, books, _____ television _____, radio broadcasts, internet sites and _____ articles.

1975

guerilla

unpopular

jungles

Vietcong

tunnels

newspaper



programmes

songs

Task 3

Assessment Criteria 1.2: Identify one reason why the Vietnam War has featured in the media.

Below are a list of reasons why the Vietnam War would have featured in the media:

<p>1. PEACE BADGE</p> 	<p>The Vietnam War began the biggest anti-war protests of the twentieth century.</p>
<p>2. TELEVISION</p> 	<p>Many Americans were able to watch what was happening in Vietnam live on their televisions every day.</p>
<p>3. MASS KILLINGS AT MY LAI (Insert own photo of My Lai here)</p>	<p>In 1968 nearly 500 innocent Vietnamese people were killed by American soldiers at My Lai.</p>

4.



These tunnels were dug deep underground by the Vietcong.

5.



Many innocent children had to leave their homes and sometimes were killed by the American bombing of Vietnam.

6.



The American soldiers had to use tanks to fight in the jungles of Vietnam.

Cut out each of the six images and rank them in order of importance showing why the Vietnam War featured in the media. The most important being number 1 and the least important being number 6.

Write down **your** most important reason why the Vietnam War has featured in the media.

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Entry Level 2

Learning Outcome 1: Understand how and why the media has featured in a historical topic

Task 1

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Task 3

Assessment Criteria 1.2: Give **two** reasons why the Vietnam War has featured in the media.

Table 2 shows some reasons why the Vietnam War was covered in the media. Rank each of the statements in order of importance by labelling your first reason 1 and your last reason 6.

TABLE 2

Many protest songs were written about the Vietnam War because it was so unpopular.	People were shocked at seeing the bombings and killings in Vietnam each day on their televisions.
Many people all over the world went on peace marches to protest about the Vietnam War.	Films were made about the Vietnam War both at the time and afterwards.
Many people listened to accounts of the war broadcast on the radio.	People read books about the war written at the time and after the war in Vietnam had ended.

Write down your **two** most important reasons why the Vietnam War featured in the media.

1. _____

2. _____

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Learning Outcome 1: Understand how and why the Vietnam war featured in the media

Task 1

Assessment criteria 1.1: Describe a historical topic which has featured in the media.

Teacher provides a selection of four or five images, for example:

1. A poster advertising a film about The Vietnam War

2. The title of a protest song

3. Map showing Vietnam

4. Image of an anti - Vietnam War march

Look at the images numbered 1–4. Write down the name of the topic they represent.

Write down the dates of when the event happened.

Write down the names of the two main countries fighting in this war.

Task 2

Complete the table below by entering **TRUE** or **FALSE** beside each statement.

Over half a million American soldiers fought in the Vietnam War.	
About one and a half million people were killed during the Vietnam War.	
President Kennedy was killed in Vietnam.	
In 1969 the biggest anti – Vietnam War protest took place in Washington.	
The Vietcong fought on the same side as the Americans.	

Write down **two** or three sentences describing the Vietnam War.

Task 3

Assessment Criteria 1.2: Explain why the Vietnam War featured in the media.

Number each of the statements from 1–7 with number 1 being your most important key feature.

TABLE 2

Key features of the Vietnam War	The importance of each feature
The Vietnam War was one of the most unpopular wars in American history.	
Protest songs against the war could be heard on the radios all over the world.	
In 1968 American soldiers carried out the My Lai Massacre, killing hundreds of innocent Vietnamese people.	
There were many anti – Vietnam war demonstrations and protests both in America and in other countries.	
After the war ended many veterans wrote about their horrific experiences in Vietnam.	
Televisions were in most peoples' homes by the early 1960s so people could watch what was happening in Vietnam each day.	
Newspapers both in America and other countries reported on the many anti-war demonstrations against the Vietnam War.	

Task 4

Write **two** or **three** sentences explaining why the Vietnam War featured in the media.

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Task 3

Learning Outcome 2: Be able to investigate the historical background to the Vietnam War

Assessment Criteria 2.1: State **one** feature of the topic shown in the media.

Task 1

Below are four photographs about features of the Vietnam War. Label each photograph by writing the correct phrase under each one from the list below.

A



B



C



D



- American soldier's Jungle boots
- This was used to help move troops quickly and rescue injured soldiers
- Tiger cages
- An entrance to a Vietcong tunnel

Complete the table below by entering the letter of the correct photograph on the right hand side.

Statements about features of the Vietnam War	Letter of each photograph
Tiger cages were used to trap and torture Vietnamese prisoners.	
The Vietnamese soldiers dug deep tunnels in the ground to hide and then attack American soldiers.	
These special boots were made for American soldiers to help them walk through the deep jungles of Vietnam.	
Helicopters were used to fire rockets and missiles in Vietnam during the war.	

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Learning Outcome 2: Be able to investigate the historical background to the Vietnam War.

Assessment Criteria 2.1: Identify **two** sources which give information about the Vietnam War.

Task 1

Below are four photographs about features of the Vietnam War. Match each photograph by writing the correct phrase under each one from the list below.

A



B



C



D



- These were worn by American soldiers to help them move faster in the jungles of Vietnam.
- The Vietnam War has been called ‘The first war of the helicopter’ in the twentieth century.
- These were used were used to trap and torture Vietnamese prisoners.
- These tunnels went for miles underground and Vietnamese soldiers could use them to hide and attack American soldiers.

Photograph 1

Photograph 2

Photograph 3

Photograph 4

Task 2

Which source shows you how American soldiers were rescued and taken back to base?

Which source shows you what happened if a soldier was caught by the Vietcong?

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Learning Outcome 2: Be able to investigate the historical background to the Vietnam War

Assessment Criteria 2.1: Identify **three** different types of sources that could be used to find out about the topic that has featured in the media.

Task 1

1.



2. Insert your own image of a poster about the Vietnam War.
3. Insert your own image of an extract from a newspaper article written at the time of the Vietnam War.
4. Insert an extract of a written account by a Vietnam veteran about his time in Vietnam.

3. Insert a few lines from a speech by President Johnson or President Nixon at the time of the Vietnam War.

Write down three different types of historical sources used to find out about the Vietnam War.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Task 2

Using each of the 3 sources write **one** sentence to explain what they tell you about the war in Vietnam.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Assessment Criteria 2.2: Collect three pieces of information about the Vietnam War that has featured in the media.

Task 3

Choose **three** sources which tell you how the Vietnam War affected American soldiers. Use your three sources to describe how the war affected soldiers.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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Entry Level 1

Learning Outcome 3: Be able to communicate knowledge of the Vietnam War which has featured in the media

Assessment Criteria 3.1: From the sources provided make a basic observation.

Teacher provides a set of six sources on the protests against the Vietnam War, for example:

- A couple of lines from a protest song, e.g. Donovan's 'The Universal Soldier'.
- Pictures of anti-war demonstrations in America.
- Poster advertising a film about the Vietnam War.
- Newspaper headline about one of the atrocities or mass killings of innocent civilians in Vietnam by the American soldiers.
- An extract from a Vietnam veteran's diary describing the effects of the war on his life.
- The title of a documentary on the Vietnam War.

Task 1

TABLE 1

Draw a line to match the number of each source to its correct description to complete the table.

TABLE 1

Source number	Type of historical source
6	Newspaper
2	Poster
4	Song
1	Photograph
3	Dairy
5	Documentary

Write down **one** reason why the Vietnam War was so unpopular

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Learning Outcome 3: Be able to communicate knowledge of the Vietnam War which has featured in the media

Assessment Criteria 3.1: Use the sources provided to make **two** observations about the Vietnam War.

Teacher provides a set of six sources on the unpopularity of the Vietnam War, for example:

- A couple of lines from a protest song, e.g. Donovan's 'The Universal Soldier'.
- Pictures of anti-war demonstrations in America.
- Poster advertising a film about the Vietnam War.
- Newspaper headline about one of the atrocities or mass killings of innocent civilians in Vietnam by the American soldiers.
- An extract from a Vietnam veteran's diary describing the effects of the war on his life.
- The title of a documentary on the Vietnam War.

Task 1

What type of historical source is shown in each of the six sources?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

TABLE 2

Complete TABLE 2 by filling in what each of the six sources tells you about why the Vietnam War was so unpopular.

Sources	Tells me that
Source 1	
Source 2	
Source 3	
Source 4	
Source 5	
Source 6	

Task 2

In your own words write down **two** reasons why the Vietnam War was so unpopular in the USA.

1. _____

2. _____

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Learning Outcome 3: Be able to communicate knowledge of the Vietnam War which has featured in the media

Assessment Criteria 3.1: Present information collected about the Vietnam War that has featured in the media.

Teacher provides a set of six sources on the unpopularity of the Vietnam War for example:

- A couple of lines from a protest song, e.g. Donovan's 'The Universal Soldier' written in 1965.
- Pictures of anti-war demonstrations in America.
- Poster advertising a film about the Vietnam War.
- Newspaper headline about one of the atrocities or mass killings of innocent civilians in Vietnam by the American soldiers.
- An extract from a Vietnam veteran's diary describing the effects of the war on his life.
- The title of a documentary on the Vietnam War.

What type of historical source is shown in each of the six sources?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Sources	Tells me that
Source 1	
Source 2	
Source 3	
Source 4	
Source 5	
Source 6	

Task 3

Use the sources and your own knowledge to make a PowerPoint presentation to explain why the Vietnam War was unpopular.

- Do not make any more than six slides
- Give each slide a title
- You may include images on your slides
- Make sure that you write your own conclusion on the last slide.

TITLE (Your first reason why the Vietnam War was unpopular)
Insert your own image