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The Vietnam War - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. In the years leading up to the Vietnam War, the US was caught up in the

- ☒ A. Cold War.
- B. Gilded Age.
- C. Iran-Contra affair.
- D. Great Depression.

2. What was the domino theory?

- A. a secret committee that planned air strikes against North Vietnam
- ☒ C. the belief that if one country became communist, others would follow
- B. a fascist government that limited citizens' constitutional freedoms
- D. the compromise that ended the war between North and South Vietnam

3. Which of the following was **not** a communist country at the time of the Vietnam War?

- A. China
- ☒ B. France
- C. Soviet Union
- D. North Vietnam

4. Which of the following is a reason why US troops had difficulty fighting the North Vietnamese?

- A. The Americans had less wartime experience.
- C. The North Vietnamese had more modern weapons.
- B. The Americans' bombs were highly ineffective.
- ☒ D. The North Vietnamese knew the terrain much better.

5. US troops dropped herbicides on the Vietnamese countryside in order to

- A. grow their own nutritious crops for extra food.
- C. search for valuable natural resources like gold and silver.
- B. poison North Vietnamese soldiers with toxic chemicals.
- ☒ D. get rid of the foliage that helped North Vietnamese soldiers hide.

6. Which of the following is **not** related to guerrilla warfare?

A. hit-and-run ambushes

B. small skirmishes

☒ C. clear battle lines

D. surprise attacks

7. Who made up the biggest group of anti-war protesters?

☒ A. young people

B. senior citizens

C. active soldiers

D. World War II veterans

8. The US left the Vietnam War in the

A. early '60s.

☒ B. early '70s.

C. late '60s.

D. late '70s.

9. True or False: The North Vietnamese won the war.

☒ A. True

B. False

10. The reunified Vietnam had a _____ government.

☒ A. socialist

B. anarchic

C. communist

D. democratic