

Cold War Lesson Plan: Begin with the quote: “Rich mans war, poor mans fight!” Ask students to brainstorm what they think this means. Use this as a launching point into the Vietnam conflict. Background notes on prior involvement by the French, as well as the policy of containment should be stressed. Ho Chi Minh and his goals and perspectives should be discussed. Military advisors and their gradual build up should be discussed. Possible debate activity: Should the United States continue to sent military aid to South Vietnam or should the United States stay out of the situation in South East Asia?