

Teacher's Notes

Did the USA manage to contain the spread of Communism?

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The material on these pages is primarily on the nature of the Vietnam War and is designed to help students tackle the Focus Task on page 355 (see the **Teacher's Notes** for pages 354–355).

The war does seem to have an enduring fascination for students (and indeed the media and film industries). There are a number of additional resources you could use with these pages.

WWW***Battlefield: Vietnam***

<http://www.pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/>

Published by the respected American Public Broadcasting Service, this website has an excellent 'Guerrilla Tactics' section, which could be very useful for students tackling the Focus Task on page 357. There is also a useful 'Air War' section.

Spartacus Vietnam War

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/vietnam.html>

This is a very comprehensive resource, but its main value is the range of interviews with Vietnam veterans as well as opponents of the war.

Vietnam War Myths

http://www.rjsmith.com/war_myth.html

Very much a revisionist view of the war, from an author with a military background. This website gives a different perspective on the war and would be ideal for challenging more able students.

Vietnam – how a mass movement beat US imperialism

<http://www.socialistworker.co.uk/1775/sw177516.htm>

This website is published by a socialist organisation and is very anti-US government. Again, it provides an unusual perspective.

British Pathe

http://www.britishpathe.com/advanced_search.php

There are also numerous British Pathe clips that can be found using the search term 'Vietnam War' in the 'Description' box.

One **video clip** that demonstrates the multifaceted nature of the war very powerfully is entitled 'Warfare in Vietnam' and is included on page 356 of the CD-ROM.

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