

# Vietnam World Geography

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## Objectives

- ~Students will understand the area of the world that so affected America.
- ~Students will understand the significance of each geographical area to be labeled.

## Context

The Vietnam War (from the late 1950's to 1973) was America's longest and most unpopular war. The first American combat troops arrived in 1965 and fought the war until the cease-fire of January 1973.

## Time and Materials

- One to two days.
- Handout of locations in Southeast Asia to be labeled.
- Blank map of region.
- Colored pencils or crayons

## The One Day Lesson

Label the blank map using the labeled map from the Library of Congress Map "Vietnam".

Students should only label the locations indicated in the handout that the teacher deems significant.

After labeling, have students further distinguish said regions by using colored pencils or crayons.

## Extending the Lesson

Students will list the significance of each location that were labeled with respect to the Vietnam War.

## TEKS US25, US1, US6

**Assessment:** map rubric: 5 points off for every misspelled or misplaced label. Ten points off if not colored and/or missing the color key.

**Map Instructions:** using the LOC map of Southeast Asia, label the blank map with the following items. Please print in ink.

Color as if it was 1965, the communist nations red, non-communist nations green and all water blue. Be sure to place a color key on the map.

**Countries & Cities (respectively):**

**North Vietnam**

*Dien Bien Phu*

*Ha Noi*

*Haiphong*

**South Vietnam**

*Hue*

*Da Nang*

*My Lai*

*La Drang Valley*

*Saigon*

**Cambodia**

*Phnom Penh*

**China**

**Laos**

**Thailand**

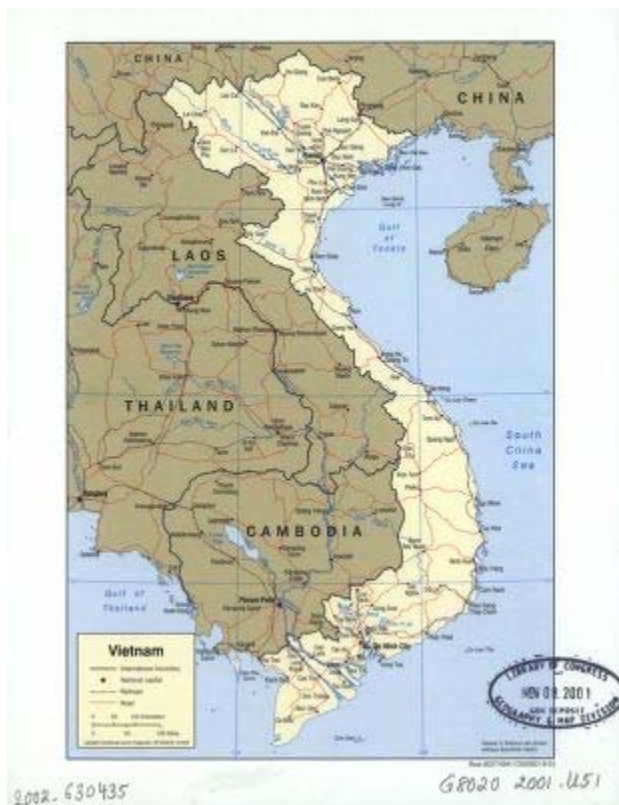
**Bodies of Water**

Gulf of Tonkin

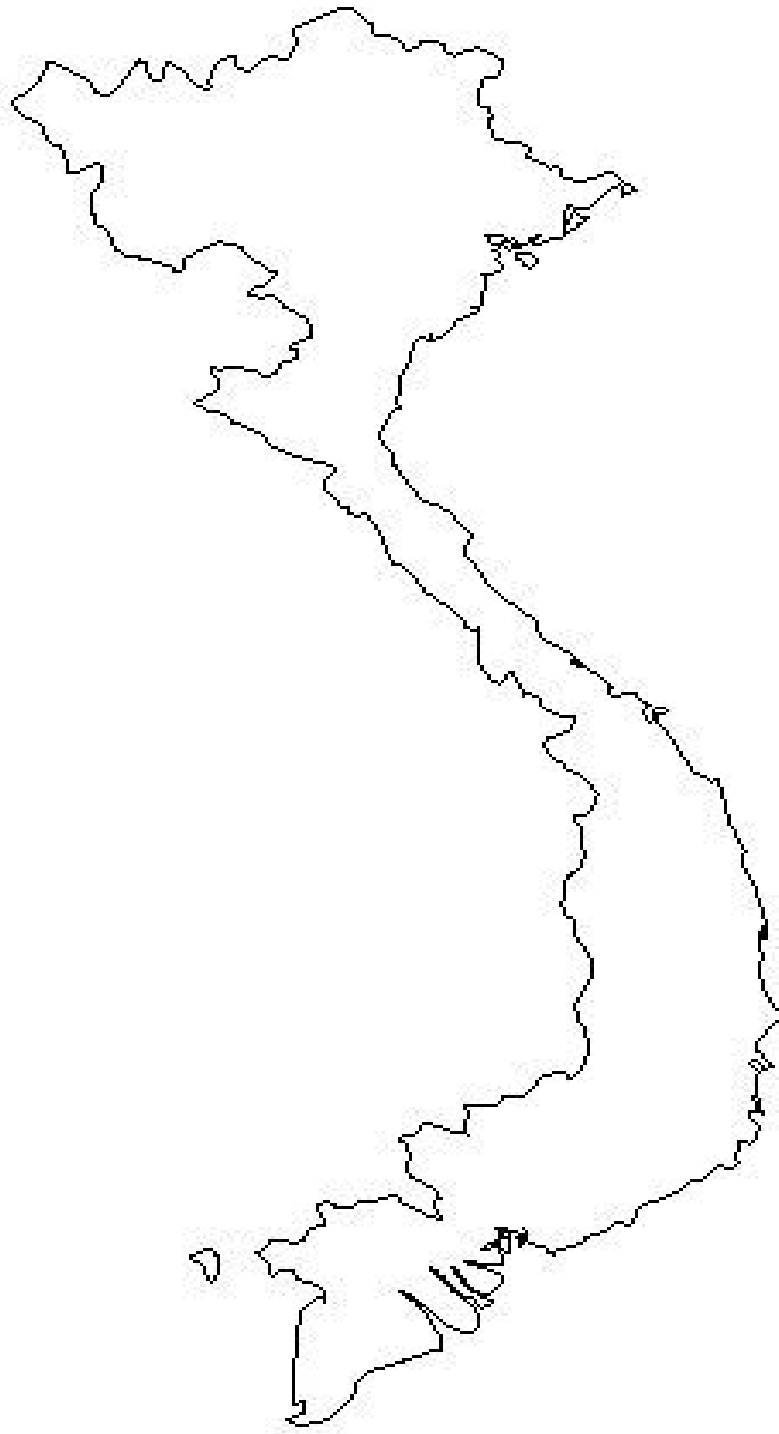
Gulf of Thailand

South China Sea

Mekong River



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