STANFORD HISTORY EDUCATION GROUP READING LIKE A HIST RIAN



Anti-Vietnam War Movement (11.9.4)

Background:

As American involvement in Vietnam began many Americans believed that the country was doing the right thing. Many thought that it was our duty to help stop the spread of communism; we had done it in Korea why not Vietnam? As the nations involvement increased a movement against the war began to grow with it, especially when young men began to be drafted and casualty rates began to increase.

Prompt:

Which side built / offers a stronger argument for or against the Vietnam War?

Task:

In a well thought out essay:

- Write a claim in response to the prompt.
- Support your claim by using at least five pieces of evidence from the documents, background reading, and additional research to find primary sources that are both for and against US involvement in Vietnam.
- Be sure to explain how the evidence you have chosen supports your claim
- Incorporate at least two additional pieces of evidence from the documents and/or your research that argues against your claim and use your evidence to counter that opposing claim.