



Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum - Big Idea

The course of Aotearoa NZ's histories has been shaped using power; sometimes this has resulted in improvements in people's lives and sometimes it has led to exclusion, injustice, and conflict.

At school: pre visit:

<p>Creativity Vietnam and its neighbouring countries have been invaded many times. Research, then create a poster that shows at least three of the invasions in South-East Asia. Use only a few words!</p>	<p>Collaboration In groups research 'proxy wars' and the cold war. What were they? Who was involved? Why were western nations afraid of Communism? Report back to the class.</p>	<p>Critical thinking Why do people want to become soldiers? Compare 1970 and now - are the reasons the same? Many soldiers became disillusioned about the politics of this war. Do you agree?</p>	<p>Success criteria Students can summarise some of the reasons that countries in South-East Asia have been conquered by other countries. Students show understanding of the concept of the domino theory. and how it was used to justify this war.</p>
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At the museum:

<p>Creativity You will be meeting with a Vietnam veteran (a soldier who fought in that war). What questions can you ask to uncover his motivation to fight and how he felt when he got back to NZ?</p>	<p>Collaboration Our kaiārahi and teachers will guide you through the South East Asia displays. Q&A. Use our resources in the Kippenberger Research Centre, talk and find out more.</p>	<p>Critical thinking This war used two terrible weapons - Agent Orange and Napalm. Talk to the Vietnam veteran about the effects of these weapons both short term and long term.</p>	<p>Success criteria Students can discuss the Vietnam War with some deeper understanding; and explain the multiple perspectives of those involved in the war.</p>
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Back at school:

<p>Creativity Script and enact a newspaper/radio/television interview with a Vietnam Veteran using data and insights you have gathered on your visit to NAM.</p>	<p>Collaboration In pairs research/discuss 1) what happened in Vietnam straight after the war was won by the Communists. 2) Is modern Vietnam a good place to live? 3) Was the Domino Theory proven correct?</p>	<p>Critical thinking War causes displacement, famine, poverty, injury, and disease. Far more civilians die as an indirect consequence of armed conflict, than directly in armed conflict. This is the human cost of war. Discuss.</p>	<p>Success criteria Students can offer an opinion about whether NZ's role in the Vietnam War is understandable, with supporting information to back the opinion up.</p>
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