**Vietnam: An Oral History**

**Directions:** You are to conduct an interview with a person in your community who was involved or affected by the Vietnam War. Use the questions on the back of this page and other questions that you may wish to create. Tape record or record written notes from the interview. Depending on who you speak with, you may need to be sensitive to the person’s emotions and opinions.

Use your notes from the interview to write an oral history of the interviewee. Your oral history should include the following elements:

**Section 1**- Introduces the interviewees by telling who they are, how old they were and what they were doing during the war and what they do now.

**Section 2**- Relates how the war impacted them personally. Information for this section comes from the answers given to the questions that you prepared especially from them.

**Section 3**- deals with the interviewees perception of the U.S.’ involvement in Vietnam. Information for this sections comes from the answers given to the questions listed above.

**Section 4**- is the conclusion in which you reflect on what you learned from the interview experience. Here, you record the insights that you gained by talking to the interviewee about the Vietnam War. Using ‘I’ is appropriate for this section of the paper.

This paper should be typed and double spaced. It should be around 1 ½-2 pages. A hard copy needs to be turned in at the beginning of the period on the day of your final!

* **Period 2-June 5th**
* **Period 3- June 6th**
* **Period 5- June 5th**

**This is worth 100 points!**

**Potential Questions for Vietnam War Oral History**

**Background:** What is your name, age and occupation? Where do you live? Where were you during the Vietnam War?

**Personal experience with the war:** Why did the United States fight a war in Vietnam? How did you feel about the war at the time? In what ways were you affected by the Vietnam War?

**Larger impact of the war:** In what ways did the Vietnam War affect the United States? In what ways did it affect the world? Do you think the United States should be praised or condemned for its involvement in the Vietnam War? Why?