



Section 2

GUIDED READING

U.S. Involvement and Escalation

As you read about the escalation of the war, take notes to answer the questions.

1. What role did each of the following play in the decision to escalate U.S. military involvement in Vietnam?

Lyndon B. Johnson

Robert McNamara

Dean Rusk

William Westmoreland

U.S. Congress

American public opinion

U.S. military strategies result in a bloody stalemate.

2. What military advantages did the Americans have over the Vietcong?

3. What military advantages did the Vietcong have over the Americans?

4. What military strategies did the Americans use against the Vietcong?

5. What military strategies did the Vietcong use against the Americans?

Public support for the war begins to waver as a “credibility gap” grows.
6. What role did each of the following play in this change of public support?

The U.S. economy

Television

The Fulbright hearings