



The Vietnam War

YOUR ASSIGNMENT: Imagine you are an American soldier in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Write a letter to a family member at home in America about your experiences in Vietnam during the war.

BEFORE YOU START WRITING: Conduct some basic research about the Vietnam War. Make notes about what you find out, and be sure to make notes of your sources. When you feel like you have an understanding of what the conflict was about, what questions do you have about what it was like to be an American soldier in Vietnam? Research the answers to your questions. Decide what perspective you will take in your letter.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE: Your letter should include the following information:

- Exactly where you are
- What the scene looks like; where do you live? what kind of shelter do you live in? Who are you closest to there?
- What your daily life has been like
- What kinds of interactions you have had with the local people
- What problems you have had
- The biggest problem you are facing right now
- Your greatest fear
- What you are hearing in the news and from people around you
- Anything else of interest

SOURCES: Lists at least three credible sources that you used to conduct this deeper research.

FORMAT: Use a friendly letter format. Be sure to include a date, a heading, an edited body, and a closing signed by your letter-writer.