Laarman Lesson Plan

Class: U.S. History Unit: Cold War Standards: B.12.1, B.12.2, B.12.11

Topic: Arms Race and Brinksmanship Date: 5/1/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Cold War Multimedia |
| **Procedure**  | Multimedia for student notes: arms race, spies, and brinksmanship* Read Kruschev quote on the Berlin Wall from p.299, Stone and Kuznick
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| **Closure** | * Student partners describe the arms race, explain brinksmanship
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Topic: Vietnam War: Background Date: 5/2/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Cold War Review Interactive, Cold War multimedia |
| **Procedure**  | 1. Interactive Review: all Cold War material thus far
2. Multimedia for student notes: origins of the Vietnam conflict
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| **Closure** | Students summarize Vietnam conflict origins with partner |

Topic: Vietnam War: The Fighting Date: 5/3/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Cold War multimedia |
| **Anticipatory Set****-connection, motivation, relevance** | What do you know about the fighting in Vietnam? What was it like? What are your sources? |
| **Procedure**  | Show Vietnam slideshow. For each photo, students write a summary of what it teaches them about the war and questions it brings up. |
| **Homework** | Write a summary paragraph of what was learned about the Vietnam War from the slideshow. |

Topic: Public Opinion Turns Against the War; My Lai Massacre Date: 5/4/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Cold War multimedia |
| **Anticipatory Set****-connection, motivation, relevance** | What do you think people thought heading into the war? (overwhelmingly in favor of intervention) What changed many peoples’ minds? |
| **Procedure**  | 1. Students study the Ho Chi Minh Trail infographic, pp. 890-891
2. “Brothers in War” video clip in Netflix, 56:04 left - 53:30 left (villagers caught in the middle)
3. Discussion on the difficulty of this war: Who is the enemy? How do you know? How do you win?
4. Cold War multimedia, slides 61-67: media coverage and its impact
5. What were some of the hypotheses from our Philippines lesson on why soldiers commit atrocities?
6. My Lai massacre: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wL7WUSdsY-E> (first 1:58), [http://www.pbs.org/video/1475790127/#](http://www.pbs.org/video/1475790127/) (5:25-18:11)
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Topic: Experiencing the Vietnam War Date: 5/5/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | *A Rumor of War* excerpts and questions, Cold War multimedia |
| **Procedure** | 1. Video scene from “Brothers at War,” 21:13 left to 12:05 left (Helping Vietnamese, dealing with death, moral choices; “don’t be smug about your morality.”
2. Complete *A Rumor of War* excerpts and questions
3. Multimedia: Anti-war protests and the war winds down (slides 74-100)
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