HISTORY OF VIETNAM

I. READINGS

There is one summer reading, one textbook, five outside readings, and an optional Microsoft Power Point multi-media project. All books for this course can be purchased in our school bookstore, or any good bookstore, or online at a discount price, and are available in most libraries. The text although not required will help you in getting a greater understanding of Vietnam and the history of the United States involvement in that countries history.

TEXT:

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

Roy, Jules, **The Battle of Dien Bien Phu**, (Carroll & Graf, 2002)
Bilton, Michael, Sim, Kevin, **Four Hours in My Lai**, (Penguin Books, 1992)
Ehrhart, W.D., **Passing Time**, (University of Massachusetts Press, 1986)
O’Brien, Tim, **In The Lake of the Woods**, (Houghton Mifflin, 1994)

The Karnow book runs concurrently with the video-tapes which we will be viewing throughout the course.

II. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There will be a final examination.
In addition you will be required to write FIVE (5) book reviews on your outside readings. You will get opinion papers, and papers pertaining to our outside visitations. You may replace one of your book reviews by completing a Microsoft Power Point Multi-Media project. You must see me at the beginning of the time period of the book you choose not to read to get the multi-media project assignment.

REVIEW OF FIRST MARKING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS

1. Paper on visitation to the Philadelphia Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial
   Paper due by **05 March, 2003**
   Included in this paper will be a personal account of your visit, and the researching of the death of one of the veteran's on the wall. Include an etching of his name from the wall.

   Paper Due on **06 February, 2003**
   17 Days

3. Paper on the Bilton, Sim’s Book **Four Hours In My Lai**
   Paper Due on **24 February, 2003**
   18 Days

4. Paper on the Ehrhart’s Book, **Passing Time**
   Paper Due on **13 March, 2003**
   17 Days
REVIEW OF SECOND MARKING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS

1. A personal account of your experiences and feelings during our class trip to the National Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC. Include finding your Philadelphia veteran and taking an etching from the Washington memorial. 
   Paper Due on 21 April, 2003

   Paper Due on 31 March, 2003 18 Days

   Paper Due on 01 May, 2003 15 days

4. Paper on the O'Brien book In the Lake of the Woods 
   Paper Due on 05 May, 2003 35 days

5. Final Examination on the date scheduled by the school. 
   Week of 27 May, 2003

III. IN ADDITION - EXTRA EVENTS IN THE COURSE

1. We will have speakers from the Montgomery County Vietnam Veteran's of America.

2. We will have speakers from the Friend's Peace Committee.

3. A Sunday bus trip to Arlington National Cemetery and the National Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC. 
   The date of the trip will be 23 March, 2003

   ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THIS TRIP IT IS PART OF THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

IV. SCHEDULE AND READING LIST

JANUARY
21 - 22 Introduction - Get familiar with the materials and course procedures

JANUARY
23 - 31 Roots of the War - to 1946
Karnow, pgs 47-127

FEBRUARY
03 - 07 The First Vietnam War: The Struggle Against France
Karnow, pgs 128-205

   BOOK REVIEW # 1 DUE 06 FEBRUARY, 2003

FEBRUARY
10 - 14 America's Mandarin: The Diem Regime, 1954 - 1963
Karnow, pgs 206-311

FEBRUARY
18 – 21 L.B.J. Goes To War, 1963 - 1965
Karnow, pgs 312-426

FEBRUARY
Karnow, pgs 427-513

   BOOK REVIEW # 2 DUE 24 FEBRUARY, 2003
MARCH
03 - 07  A social look at Vietnam:
Music, reporting, and literature of the Vietnam era

PHILADELPHIA WAR MEMORIAL PAPER DUE 05 MARCH, 2003

MARCH
10 – 13  The Tet Offensive: 1968
Karnow, pgs. 514-566

BOOK REVIEW # 3 DUE 13 MARCH, 2003

MARCH
17 - 21  Vietnamization: 1968 - 1973
Karnow, pgs. 567 – 612

TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC 23 MARCH, 2003

MARCH
24 - 28  Cambodia and Laos
Karnow, pgs 567 – 612

BOOK REVIEW # 4 DUE 31 MARCH, 2003

MARCH
31  Homefront U.S.A. – The Anti-War Movement
Karnow, pgs 567 – 612

APRIL
01 - 04  History or Hollywood
Discussion and preview of history or Hollywood through war film.
Discussion leader Mr. William Geiger

WASHINGTON DC TRIP PAPER DUE 21 APRIL, 2003

APRIL
28 - 30  Peace Is At Hand: War and Negotiations
Karnow, pgs 613-655

MAY
01 - 02  HISTORY OR HOLLYWOOD PAPERS DUE 01 MAY, 2003

MAY
05 - 08  The End of the War: 1973 - 1975
Karnow, pgs 655-670

MAY
12 - 16  America’s Enemy: 1954 - 1967
A closer look at the enemy, and our Vietnam conflict as their war of Independence

MAY
19 - 23  The Vietnam Experience
Personal accounts of the war in Vietnam

Legacies, Conclusion, and Evaluation
Karnow, pgs 623 - 670

BOOK REVIEW # 6 DUE 05 MAY, 2003

MAY
01 - 02

FINAL EXAMINATION WEEK OF 27 MAY, 2003

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GRADES AND CLASS REQUIREMENTS

ALL students MUST have everyday in class the following:

- **PEN** (with ink) or **PENCIL** (with point)
- **Notebook**, with perforated edges

ALL students must arrive on time
Class begins with a prayer
Sit in YOUR assigned seat

GRADES

The LaSalle College high School grading system is used, this is located in the Student Program of Studies.

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ALL students are responsible for staying current in their reading and note taking.
ALL students MUST complete ALL assignments ON TIME. NO late assignments will be accepted.

Students grades are based on the following criteria

- Tests
- Papers
- Homework
- Multi-Media project
- Class participation

THERE WILL BE NO EATING OR DRINKING IN CLASS

NO WATER BOTTLES