History 12
Unit 6 - CW Conflict/Vietnam

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## The Tet Offensive: Was the U.S. Losing the War?

The Tet Offensive by the communist forces in 1968 was a major turning point of the war in Vietnam. Without a doubt, both sides had lost something during the offensive. The communists had heavy losses during the offensive, and the media coverage of the fighting caused a massive backlash towards the war in the United States. For this assignment you must answer the following question:

"The United States were clearly losing the war by early 1968." Do you agree? You may refer in your answer to:

Why the US entered the war, How successful US tactics were, The impact of the Tet Offensive.

Use the accompanying information, readings from the text, and knowledge gained from discussions and movies viewed in class to answer the question. Make sure to support your answer with good evidence and also design criteria to determine what constitutes losing in the Vietnam War.

Criteria:				
Was the US los	sing the war in 196	58?		

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## **Marking Rubric:**

Categories	Incomplete/Does Not Meet	Approaching Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Exceeding Expectations	
	Expectations 1	2	3	4	
Sophisticated Criteria for the Topic are Defined and Discussed	Criteria is not defined or discussed in the assignment	-Some criteria is developed -Criteria is simplistic and undeveloped -Does not help student make a decision on the topic	-Good amount of criteria is included -Some criteria is not sophisticated or developed enough to help student make a reasonable decision on the topic	-Good amount of criteria is developed -Criteria is sophisticated and helps student make a reasonable decision on the topic	
Main arguments are Reasonable and Plausible	-No arguments are provided, or arguments are completely lacking logic, reason or plausibility	-Some of the main arguments are lacking logic, reason or plausibility	-Thesis position is plausible -One of the arguments is lacking logic, reason or plausibility	-Thesis position and main arguments are logical, reasonable and plausible	
Supporting Arguments Are Fully Explained and Supported by Relevant and Accurate Evidence	-Supporting arguments are not explained or supported by relevant and accurate evidence	-Several of the supporting arguments are not fully explained, or lack relevant and accurate evidence	-Most of the supporting arguments are fully explained and include relevant and accurate evidence	-Supporting arguments are fully explained and include relevant and accurate evidence	