

# Teaching Resource: Vietnam ANZACs

## Understanding the Vietnam War through: Vietnam ANZACS

Australians and New Zealanders in the Vietnam War.

Grade Level: Years 11-13 (equivalent to U.S. Grades 10-12)

Curriculum Areas: History, Social Studies, English.

Duration: 3-5 class periods

Primary Resource: Vietnam ANZACS: Australians and New Zealanders in the Vietnam War 1967-1971 by Lt Col. (Rtd) Tony Howell

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### **Learning Objectives**

Students will:

Comprehend the role and experiences of ANZAC force in the Vietnam War.

Analyze primary and secondary sources to understand the complexities of the conflict.

Evaluate the political, social, and military aspects of the Vietnam War.

Develop critical thinking skills through discussion and analysis.

### **Lesson Sequence**

#### **Lesson 1: Introduction to the Vietnam War**

##### **Objective:**

Provide historical context for the Vietnam War.

##### **Activities:**

Lecture on the causes and major events of the Vietnam War.

Discussion on the Involvement of Australia and New Zealand.

Assign reading: Introduction and Chapter 1 of Vietnam ANZACS.

#### **Lesson 2: ANZAC Forces in Vietnam**

##### **Objective:**

Understand the composition and experiences of ANZAC units.

##### **Activities:**

Review maps and diagrams from the book to identify key locations.

Analyse excerpts detailing specific operations in Phuoc Tuy Province.

Group discussion on the challenges faced by ANZAC soldiers.

#### **Lesson 3: Personal Accounts and Reflections**

##### **Objective:**

Explore personal narratives to humanise the conflict.

##### **Activities:**

Examine the book's glossary and casualty lists to discuss the human cost.  
Debate on the political and social repercussions in Australia and New Zealand.  
Assign a research project on the Vietnam war's legacy in ANZAC countries.

#### **Lesson 4: Synthesis and Presentation**

##### **Objective:**

Assess the long-term effects of the Vietnam War on veterans and society.

##### **Activities:**

Examine the book's glossary and casualty lists to discuss the human cost.  
Debate on the political and social repercussions in Australia and New Zealand.  
Assign a research project on the Vietnam war's legacy in ANZAC countries.

#### **Lesson 5: Synthesis and Presentation**

##### **Objective:**

Consolidate learning and present findings.

##### **Activities:**

Students present their research projects to the class.  
Peer review and feedback sessions.  
Final discussion on the importance of remembering and studying the Vietnam War.

### **Assesment**

##### **Formative:**

Participation in discussions and group activities  
Reflective essays on personal narratives

##### **Summative:**

Research project and presentation on the Vietnam War's legacy.  
Written test covering key concepts and historical facts.

### **Resources**

Vietnam ANZACS by Lt. Col. (Rtd) Tony Howell  
Maps and diagrams from the book.  
Supplementary articles and documentaries on the Vietnam War.  
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*This lesson plan aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the Vietnam War, emphasizing the experiences of ANZAC forces as detailed in Tony Howell's Vietnam ANZACS. By engaging with both historical facts and personal narratives, students will gain a nuanced perspective of the conflict and its lasting impact.*