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Unit Plan Overview for Interdisciplinary Traveling Trunk

Title of Unit: Mission Impossible! The Vietnam War Grade Level: 7 Duration: 5-10 days

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South Carolina Academic Standards for two or more content areas:

ELA (CCSS) 7.W.1, 7.W.2, 7.W.3, 7.W.4, 7.W.5 7.L.1, 7.L.2, 7.L.2, 7.L.3	Math	Science 7-2.5, 7 7-4.2, 3, 4, 5 7-5.2, 5, 6	Social Studies 7-5.3, 4
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Summary of activities	Students in Grade 7 will learn about the history of the Vietnam War while wrestling with difficult questions such as, Do the ends justify the means? Did the United States' use of chemical weapons to destroy the enemy in Vietnam justify the health effects caused by exposure to Agent Orange in Southeast Asia? The students will review a Time Magazine article about forest defoliation, analyze a political cartoon, examine US pop culture of the 1960s and 1970s, interview a Vietnam vet, and participate in a debate. This TILT contains a text set with books related to the Vietnam war, but also contains books about Vietnamese culture including <i>How Tiger Got His Stripes: A Folktale from Vietnam</i> , <i>Children of the Dragon: Selected Tales from Vietnam</i> , <i>The Dragon Prince: Stories and Legends from Vietnam</i> , and <i>Vietnam A to Z: Discover the colorful culture of Vietnam</i> . This unit includes daily pre-writing and writing activities, hands-on activities, an Eco-Tag game, and a portfolio assessment rubric.
Literature Circle Books (4 copies of each)	Goodbye, Vietnam -Whelan, Gloria Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War -Marlantes, Karl The Sorrow of War: A Novel of North Vietnam -Ninh, Bao To the Limit: An Air Cav Huey Pilot in Vietnam -Johnson, Tom A. What It Is Like to Go to War -Marlantes, Karl Profiles #5: The Vietnam War -Polansky, Daniel The Vietnam War -Benoit, Peter Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam -Kadohata, Cynthia Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy -Warren, Andrea Into No Man's Land: The Journal of Patrick Seamus Flaherty, United States Marine Corps, Khe Sanh, Vietnam, 1968 -White, Ellen Emerson Patrol: An American Soldier in Vietnam -Myers, Walter Dean How Tiger Got His Stripes: A Folktale from Vietnam -Hoffmire, Baird

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Text Set	Vietnam -Dahl, Michael Last Airlift: A Vietnamese Orphan's Rescue from War -Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk Almost Forever -Testa, Maria Vietnam War (American) (DK Eyewitness Books) The Vietnam War -Downing, David Children of the Dragon: Selected Tales from Vietnam -Garland, Sherry The Dragon Prince: Stories and Legends from Vietnam -Hanh, Thich Nhat Vietnam A to Z: Discover the colorful culture of Vietnam! -Ray, Elka		
Essential Questions	How does your identity affect how you see the world? What is a chemical weapon? What are chemical weapons used for? What are the effects of chemical weapons? Who should be held responsible? Do the ends justify the means?		
Vocabulary	thatched superstition rice paddies scoffed sorcery letting blood midwife leeches incense joss sticks mango veneration sampans gangplank illuminated geography banyan	sampans gangplank illuminated embers ballast desperate timbers waterlogged geography banyan embers ballast desperate timbers waterlogged tarnished injection	Agent orange Defoliation tarnished injection gruel wring impatient lunar quarreling ceremony scandalized betel nut haughty mesh veitnam gruel
Materials	Poster Board Coloring Supplies Printer Paper Large colored index cards or construction paper Safety pins or string tags Markers Large open space to play Digital Camera Time Magazine Article <u>Ecology: Defoliating Vietnam</u>		

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Activities	<p>The students will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in a debate, answering the topic question: Do the ends justify the means? In other words: Did the United States' use of chemical weapons to destroy the enemy in Vietnam justify the health effects caused by exposure to Agent Orange in Southeast Asia? • Analyze a political cartoon • Review an article about forest defoliation • Simulate the effects of negative human activities on the environment • Interview an vietnam veteran 		
Pre-Writing and Writing Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a K-W-L Chart while taking notes on the Vietnam War. • Write a diary entry by assuming a role of a person during Vietnam. • Take notes during the film using graphic organizers. • Construct a journal to use for recording daily notes about conflict and new vocabulary words drawn from the novel. • Write a book review. 		
Accommodations/ Differentiating Instruction	<p>Additional Time Oral Administration Shorten Assignments Preferential Seating Repeat/Confirm Directions Additional Instruction</p>	<p>Small Group Retake Tests Scheduled Breaks Visual Schedule Single Task Assignments Sign Agenda</p>	<p>Teacher Notes Manipulate Items Positive Reinforcement Quiet Workplace Shorter Vocabulary List Provide varied leveled books Informal Pre-Assessments Use easy to read fonts</p>

Attached: Daily Lesson Plans