History Year 8 The War in Vietnam

Year group 8	Subject: Conflict at home and abroad: the war in Vietnam
Prior learning- linked to	Students have already studied war and conflict over the last 100 years, which gives them a sense of the
National curriculum	political forces at work and key concepts such as capitalism, communism, ideology and world wars. As part of that unit, students have studied the Cold War, which will help them understand the causes of the Vietnam war in the wider context of the international & political world. This unit offers an in-depth study of a conflict - a change of the thematic unit previously.
Rationale	The aim of this unit is to provide an in-depth study of a modern conflict, which unites international studies, economic and social history, as well as a broader study of US history in the 20th century (which is bookended through the slave trade and the civil rights movement). Students will look at what caused the Vietnam war, and can link this with other conflicts we have studied such as the Iraq War. They will also investigate the impact war has on communities, including local and domestic.
Vocabulary:	Keywords communism, capitalism, clandestine, guerilla warfare, search & destroy, agent orange, domestic policy, protest, cold war.
Cultural Capital:	Pupils will learn about Vietnamese culture and the impact war can have on local communities. Pupils will also evaluate the role of government and protest and can link these roles to their own experiences at home (how to protest, war in Ukraine).
Key assessments- name the	Knowledge quizzes
assessments	Explain what caused the Vietnam War (end of year exam)
	What was most effective: US or Vietcong tactics
What do children know/ can	E Describe the cause of Vietnam War
do now (EDSM)	D Explain 2 causes of the Vietnam War
	S Evaluate 3 different causes of the Vietnam war and prioritise.
	M Evaluate the causes of the Vietnam war and come to a judgement on the most significant, whilst also setting criteria.