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Stimulus book

# Modern History

## General instruction

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## Source 1

### Excerpt from a paper prepared for Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, *Australia's Military Commitment to Vietnam*

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**Source:** Australian Government 1975, *Australia's Military Commitment to Vietnam*.

### Context statement

Forward defence is a policy of engaging with security threats away from a nation's shores. ANZUS refers to the ANZUS Treaty, a 1951 collective security agreement originally formed between Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America (USA). SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation) was an international organisation formed in 1954 that included Australia and the USA and sought to promote collective defence against communism in Southeast Asia.

## Source 2

Excerpt from *Learning from History: Some strategic lessons from the 'forward defence' era*

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**Source:** Edwards, P 2015, *Learning from History: Some strategic lessons from the 'forward defence' era*.

### Context statement

Peter Edwards is an Australian diplomatic and military historian. Edwards was appointed Official Historian and general editor of *The Official History of Australia's Involvement in Southeast Asian Conflicts 1948–1975* in 1982. Indochina is a collective name traditionally given to the nations of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

### Source 3

#### Excerpt from a poem, *The Tour*

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**Source:** Zaat, P 2022, *The Tour*.

#### Context statement

Paul Zaat served with the 8th Infantry Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, completing a 12-month tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. Reg's is an abbreviation for 'regulars', Australians who voluntarily became a regular (or standing) member of the military forces of a country. Nasho's is an abbreviation for 'National Service military people', Australians who were required to become a member of the military forces in accordance with the *Australian National Service Act 1964 (Cth)* or later laws. These same people were also called 'conscripts'. The Viet Cong were a military group that consisted mostly of South Vietnamese people that used guerrilla warfare to fight against the Government of South Vietnam and its allies during the Vietnam War.

The 'unrest at home' noted in this poem refers to the growing opposition to Australian involvement in the Vietnam War that emerged during the late 1960s. The phrase 'television war' refers to the fact that much of the Australian populace learnt about the Vietnam War by watching the news on television during the 1960s.

## Source 4

### Excerpt from an article published in *Labour History*

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**Source:** Lavelle, A 2006, 'Labor and Vietnam: A reappraisal', *Labour History*.

### Context statement

Ashley Lavelle is a lecturer in politics at Macquarie University, Australia. *Labour History* is an academic journal of employment history in Australasia. Tom Uren, Kim Beazley Snr, Gough Whitlam and Arthur Calwell were Australian Labor Party (ALP) politicians and federal members of parliament during the 1960s. Calwell was the leader of the ALP from 1960 until 1967 when he was replaced by Whitlam, who later became Prime Minister in 1972.

## Source 5

### Excerpt from an article published in *Labour History*

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**Source:** Saunders, M 1983, 'The ALP's Response to the Anti-Vietnam War Movement: 1965–73', *Labour History*.

#### **Context statement**

Malcolm Saunders taught at the University of New England, Australia. During the 1960s, Jim Cairns, Bill Hayden and Les Johnson opposed, to varying degrees, Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

## Source 6

Excerpt from an article published in *Vietnam Generation*

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**Source:** Edwards, P 1991, 'Australian Government and the Involvement in the Vietnam War', *Vietnam Generation*.

### Context statement

*Vietnam Generation* served as a leading source of essays and other materials for Vietnam War studies.

## Source 7

Excerpt from an article published in *Labour History Melbourne*

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**Source:** Masell, K 2020, 'Taking to the Streets against the Vietnam War: A Timeline History of Australian Protest 1962–1972 — Introduction', *Labour History Melbourne: Australian Society for the Study of Labour History (Melbourne Branch)*.

### Context statement

The Australian Society for the Study of Labour History is a non-profit organisation, founded in 1961 to study working class and social history. The society aims to encourage teaching and research into labour history and the preservation of records related to this.

The *Australian National Service Act 1964* (Cth) introduced selective conscription, requiring randomly-selected 20-year-old Australian men to serve in the Australian Army. This Act defined conscientious objectors as people whose 'beliefs do not allow them to engage in any form of naval, military or air force service'.

## Source 8

Excerpt from an article published in *The Conversation*

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**Source:** Karageorgos, E 2023, 'Not Just a Youth Movement: History too often forgets older protestors', *The Conversation*.

### Context statement

Ellie Karageorgos is a historian working on the social history of war, specifically Australian experiences of conflict, including war trauma and anti-war protest.

## Source 9

### Excerpt from an article published in *Green Left*

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**Source:** Adamson, G 1998, 'A Proud History of Secondary Student Activism', *Green Left*.

#### Context statement

Greg Adamson was coordinator of the 1972 national secondary student strike. He is the author of *25 Years of Secondary Student Revolt*. *Green Left* is an online publication that seeks to publish articles that help build movements of resistance as well as an 'anti-capitalist' political alternative.

## Source 10

### Excerpt of research data prepared by Roy Morgan Research (adapted)

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**Source:** Turnbull, N 2023, 'Guardian Essential Poll: AUKUS support collapses, 3-in-4 oppose', *Pearls and Irritations: John Menadue's public policy journal*.

#### Context statement

Roy Morgan Research is the longest-running and best-known market research company in Australia. From September 1965 to October 1970, Roy Morgan surveyed Australians about their attitudes towards involvement in the Vietnam War. Participants were asked: 'Should Australia continue or end (bring back) its commitment to the Vietnam War?' People who were unsure how to respond were given the option of saying they were undecided. The table is an adaptation because a second survey from October 1970 has been excluded.

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