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Vietnam Stats

Until the Tet Offensive in 1968, the majority of the American people had supported the war in Vietnam. The staggering statistics about the wounded and dead, however, shocked everyone. It was one of the reasons that so many people began calling for an end to the war. Examine the statistics in the box below and answer the questions that follow.

Year	American Troops in Vietnam	American Deaths in Vietnam
1965	180,000	1,728
1966	380,000	6,053
1967	450,000	11,058
1968	540,000	17,622
1969	543,000	11,527
1970	280,000	6,065
1971	140,000	2,348
1972	70,000	561

1. In which year were the most American troops in Vietnam? _____
2. In which year were the fewest American troops in Vietnam? _____
3. What is the difference between the figures from question one and question two above? _____
4. In which year did the casualty figures peak? _____
5. In which years was the death toll more than 11,000? _____
6. What is the difference between the number of deaths in 1965 and the number of deaths in 1972? _____
7. What is the total number of American deaths in Vietnam for 1965 to 1969? _____
8. What is the number of American troops who served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1972? _____
9. Of the troops in Vietnam in 1966, approximately what percentage died? _____
10. Of the troops in Vietnam in 1968, approximately what percentage died? _____

Sixties Fashion Trends

Probably the greatest change in fashions came about during the 1960s when new and daring styles were embraced by the youth of America. Read about some of these fashion innovations in the paragraphs below.

Materials Plastics, metals, and even paper were used to create new kinds of clothing. Transparent plastic dresses had to be wiped clean. They would have melted in a hot wash. Disposable paper clothes were meant to be worn only once and then thrown away.

Hemlines Short skirts were not new to the sixties, but the miniskirt was. Introduced in 1965 by English designer Mary Quant, these skirts barely covered the buttocks. Their midhigh lengths made wearing stockings impractical, so Quant introduced tights which were to be worn underneath the minis. Later in the sixties pantyhose were developed and quickly replaced stockings and garter belts.

Boots Leather boots completed the sixties' look. Typically, boots were knee-high with chunky heels.

Pants Two styles of pants dominated the sixties' scene. In the midsixties, hipuggers were fashionable, but by the end of the decade they had been replaced with bell bottom pants which became wildly popular. Pantsuits for women also became very popular and fashionable.

Makeup The midsixties look consisted of heavy eye makeup, including false eyelashes. Long, straight hair was in. Some women even ironed theirs to straighten it. Teased, bouffant hairdos were also trendy. Later the bob—a short, slanted cut—was introduced by English stylist Vidal Sassoon.

The Unisex Look One of the most enduring trends of the sixties is the unisex look which consisted of denim jeans and a T-shirt. Males and females sported the look.

Twiggy Thin was in, but Twiggy was ultrathin. A famous fashion model, Twiggy was one of London's most famous personalities with her boyish body and large eyes.

Hippies Belief in individual expression led to the hippie look. Favorite styles included caftans, heavy velvet clothes, sheepskin coats, and leather sandals. Beads, vests, and long hair completed the look. Large Afros were worn by some African Americans.

