

Korea and Vietnam:

Tragedies Forgotten


An Honors Thesis

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Abstract

When we Americans think back into the history of our country, we often see a glossed-over and inaccurate picture of events that have transpired. Even worse, terms such as war, destruction, and death frequently get thrown around almost meaninglessly when spoken in terms of America's past involvements in other countries. This is terribly unfortunate, because it is through accurately knowing our history that we can see our future, and thus hopefully prevent mistakes from happening again.

Hence the reason for this creative project, an attempt to educate, or at least interest, people about America's tragic interventions in Korea and Vietnam, which both lead to long, bloody wars. The project is more visual and vocal oriented, as opposed to a traditional written paper, and will hopefully dispel preconceived notions or inaccurate information people may have about the conflicts. From this presentation, viewers will have a chance to get a different perspective and understanding of the ramifications of our nation's foreign policies, which is especially important in today's world of the War on Terror and our interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan. The project tries to do this through the combination of pictures from the wars, songs that depict the mood of the pictures, quotes and statistics from the wars, and some general information.

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