

# Pelmanism

## The War in Vietnam

**This revision activity works best if you do it with a friend, and talk about it as you do it.**

This simple game will familiarise you with the events, and help you remember the dates.

Print off (on card or thick paper) & cut out the cards below, shuffle and lay them out face down randomly on the table. In turn, each player turns over two cards (one small, one large); if they have a date card which matches its events card, they keep the 'trick', if not, they replace both cards face down in their exact place. on the table. The winner is the player with most pairs ('tricks') at the end of the game.

For a harder game, lay out the date+events cards in date order. Ask one player to leave and remove an agreed number of cards. Invite them to return and remember the missing information.

<b>1937</b>	<b>1937: Chinese Communist leader Mao Zedong wrote <i>On Guerrilla Warfare</i></b>
<b>1954</b>	<b>1954: The Geneva Agreement divided Vietnam into a Communist north (led by Communist leader Ho Chi Minh) and a 'democratic' south led by Ngo Dinh Diem</b>
<b>1960</b>	<b>1960: The Communist National Liberation Front (the 'Vietcong') restarted a guerrilla war to conquer South Vietnam</b>
<b>October 1963</b>	<b>October 1963: A Buddhist monk named Thich Quang Duc burned himself to death in protest at the Diem government's persecution of Buddhism</b>
<b>November 1963</b>	<b>November 1963: The CIA arranged a military coup, and Diem was assassinated</b>

<b>August 1964</b>	<b>August 1964: The USS <i>Maddox</i> in the Gulf of Tonkin claimed it had been attacked; Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution</b>
<b>February 1965 - November 1968</b>	<b>February 1965 - November 1968: The VC attacked American air bases; Johnson ordered Operation Rolling Thunder</b>
<b>1966</b>	<b>1966: Operation Crimp tried to destroy the Cu Chi tunnels</b>
<b>November 1965</b>	<b>November 1965: General William Westmoreland lured in the NVA at Ia Drang, then destroyed them with a massive air strike</b>
<b>January-March 1968</b>	<b>January-March 1968: The Tet Offensive</b>
<b>March 1968</b>	<b>March 1968: My Lai Massacre by Charlie Company of the 23rd Infantry Division, led by Second Lieutenant William Calley</b>
<b>1968-1972</b>	<b>1968-72: Operation Phoenix – the CIA arrested and interrogated suspected VC</b>