

## Acrostic

## The US response to guerrilla tactics

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

Use the fact sheet and the clues to fill in all the answers on the grid below. This will reveal the term in the vertical grey box, which was the basis of America's war, and the reason it all went wrong:

A crossword puzzle grid with 16 numbered starting points for words. The grid is composed of white squares for letters and gray shaded squares for empty space. The numbers are: 1 (top center), 2 (top left), 3 (top left), 4 (top left), 5 (top center), 6 (top left), 7 (top left), 8 (top center), 9 (top center), 10 (top center), 11 (top center), 12 (top left), 13 (top center), 14 (top left), 15 (top left), 16 (top left).

## Clues – harder

- 1 Widespread and indiscriminate bombing
- 2 An attempt on the tunnels
- 3 Safe villages = concentration camps
- 4 The drone of B52s overhead for three years
- 5 They massacred My Lai
- 6 Arrest and interrogation
- 7 America's general, 1964–1968
- 8 Fiery goo
- 9 A victory which gave the wrong impression
- 10 Numbering the dead
- 11 A colourful defoliant
- 12 To build schools, roads and sewers for
- 13 Bring in the big guns
- 14 Are we doing better than you?
- 15 Lighter fighters
- 16 A name from a noise in the sky

## Clues – easier

- 1 A drop of multiple explosives at the same time
- 2 The attempt to destroy the Cu Chi tunnels in 1966
- 3 The operation to move Vietnamese people from Vietcong-controlled areas into 'safe' villages
- 4 The US bombing campaign, February 1965 to November 1968
- 5 The unit of the 23rd Infantry Division which committed the My Lai massacre in March 1968
- 6 The arrest and interrogation of Vietcong suspects, 1968–1972
- 7 The US Commander in Vietnam, 1964–1968
- 8 A petrol-based goo which burned
- 9 A US victory in November 1965, when the Vietcong were lured in and destroyed by an air strike
- 10 American generals focused on this, as an indicator of whether they were winning or losing the war
- 11 A defoliant which stripped the leaves from trees
- 12 The tactic to try to win support from the Vietnamese people by, for example, building schools
- 13 One of the US high-tech weapons of war
- 14 American generals focused on this, as an indicator of whether they were winning or losing the war
- 15 The nickname for US search-and-destroy raids
- 16 The US nickname for helicopters

(And, as a last resort, here are the answers!)

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