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Særemne topic: The US-Vietnam War

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The US-Vietnam War was a major event in contemporary world history and international affairs. It attracted massive attention and protest from around the world and had large consequences for international power relations. The conflict reflected major world trends: decolonization, nationalism, socialist revolution, and neo-imperialism. Students in this saeremne will examine the war as an intersection of these forces, and not primarily through narrowly military analysis. By reading a series of important scholarly writings on this conflict, students will learn how historical interpretations change over time and how historians use different bodies of evidence to create interpretations, and they will struggle to develop methods of evaluating competing interpretations of the past.