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Normans– Historical Environment

Half Term 2

The US response to Vietcong tactics; the mass bombing campaign; demands for peace and growing student protests in USA; My Lai and its impact; Search and Destroy tactics and impact; the Tet Offensive

Part three: The ending of conflict in Vietnam: Nixon's War: Vietnamisation; chemical warfare; bombing campaign of 1970–1972; relations with China; widening of the war into Laos and Cambodia. Opposition to war: Kent State University; the importance of the media and TV in influencing public opinion; the context of the Watergate affair. The end of the war: the Paris Peace talks; the role of Kissinger; the US withdrawal; fall of Saigon; the price of conflict; problems of Vietnam in 1975.

Half Term 3

America, 1840–1895: Expansion and consolidation

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Half Term 4

Part two: Conflict across America: Increasing conflict on Plains: the Fort Laramie Treaty (1851) and failure of the policy of concentration; the Indian Wars (1862–1867): reasons for and consequences of the Wars; Sand Creek Massacre; Fetterman's Trap.

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