# Chapter 10 - How We Go to War: Lessons from Vietnam

## Look at the Vietnam resources on the WWW site.

## Think about the long history of Vietnam and its significance in what lead to the war and its aftermath.

## The Vietnam war is a touchstone in US history.

### Think about how it touched your own family and community.

### What lingers from the war?

### How has it affected our politics?

## 1. How the War Began: A Brief History- read this for the history and the politics. We will discuss this in class.

## How does Meeker argue that the SEATO treaty authorized the military actions in Vietnam?

## Does the President have to get permission from Congress to fulfill a treaty military obligation?

## What was the Tonkin Gulf Incident?

## What does the declassified history show?

## Why do you think Johnson reacted as he did to the Tonkin Gulf Incident?

## Why do you think Johnson introduce the Tonkin Gulf Resolution, rather than relying on the SEATO treaty?

## What does the Tonkin Gulf Resolution authorize?

## Is the Tokin Gulf Resolution a declaration of war?

## Is it anything at all, legally, if it is not a declaration of war?

## If not, what does that tell us about presidential power?

## What does the authorization of force after 9/11 provide?

## How does it differ from the Tonkin Gulf Resolution?

## What did Johnson tell the American people on April 7, 1965?

## What did McNamara say about the war?

## What was the Tet Offensive?