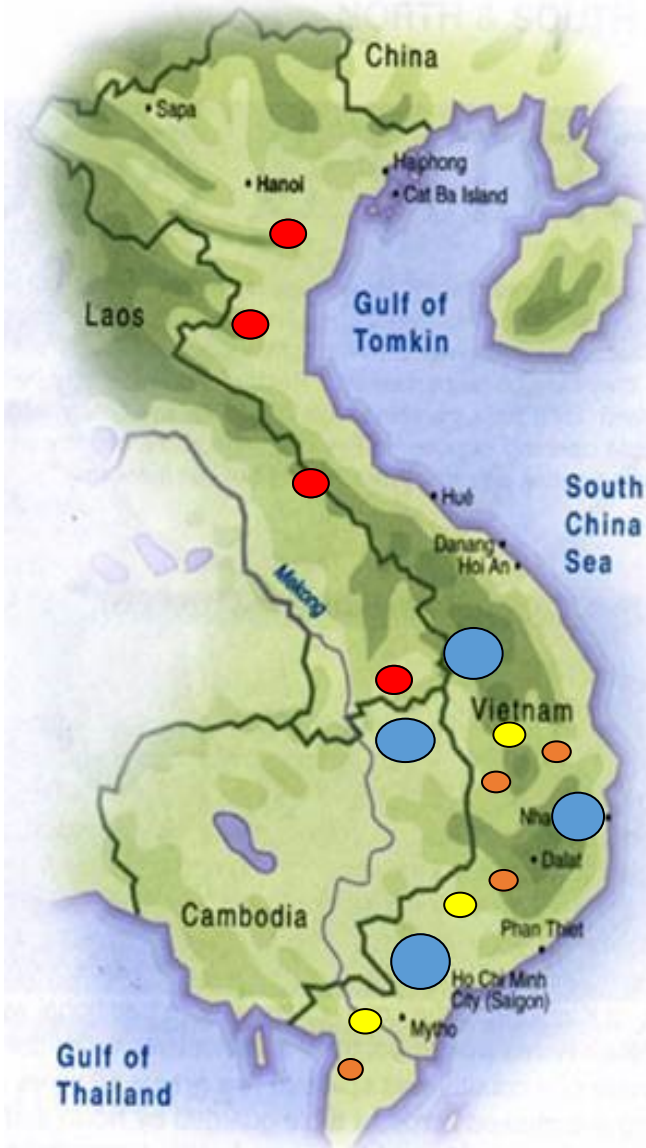


# Taking Sides : who is who, what is what?

**Mission :** to understand the geography, places, groups and people in the Vietnam war.

There was a number of groups involved in the Vietnam conflict. The map and activities below should help you understand the differences between them. The **Ho Chi Minh Trail** was a complex web of jungle paths that allowed the North Vietnamese to move soldiers and supplies into the south. In 1965, it took six months to travel from North Vietnam to Saigon, by 1970, the journey was cut to six weeks. From the air, the Ho Chi Minh Trail was hard to see. The Americans tried to destroy the trail with bombs, napalm and Agent Orange, a powerful chemical. This had little effect and the trail stayed operational.



Taking Sides.			
	USA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	North Vietnamese Army : NVA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Viet Cong VC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	National Liberation Front : NLF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Army Republic of Vietnam : ARVN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	People's Army of Vietnam : PAVN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	USSR, China, North Korea Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	South Korea, Thailand, Australia Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
True or False?		T	F
	The NVA and PAVN are essentially the same thing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ho Chi Minh learned about guerrilla tactics from China.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Most Americans supported their involvement in Vietnam.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The cost of killing one VC soldier was calculated at 400,000 dollars.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bombs killed more people than disease on the HCM trail.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The NLF and VC are essentially the same thing,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The VC and the NVA are essentially the same thing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	More bombs were dropped in Vietnam than all the bombs in WW2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Research where needed and complete tasks / questions below.**

1: Mark the Ho Chi Minh Trail on the map above.?

2: Which bordering country / countries did the Ho Chi Minh Trail cut through?

3: Why did the USA spray Agent Orange onto the jungles of Vietnam?

4: What effect do you think Agent Orange had on the local Vietnamese population?

5: What other American military tactics would have lost the 'hearts and minds' of Vietnamese civilians?

6: How did the Viet Cong try to gain the support of the southern Vietnamese people?

7: Devise a question of your own based on the information provided.