

# Distance Learning for High School Social Studies Day

**Instructions:** Complete the following infographic analysis tasks using the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Infographic attached. \*Adapted from the California Academy of Sciences data graphic interpretation activity.

1. What ideas or pieces of information does the author present in this infographic? List as many as you can.
2. Identify ONE claim that can be made from the infographic about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This should not just be the title, but what conclusion you can make from the information provided.
3. List at least THREE pieces of supporting detail.
4. In what ways does the author present the key details and information about the memorial? (Ex. Using graphs, images, or symbols.)
5. What questions do you have about the infographic?
6. What more do you want to learn about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial?

# VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL



The memorial cost \$8.4 million, or \$18.7 million in today's money. All funds were raised privately.  
**NO FEDERAL FUNDS WERE USED.**



The wall was designed by Maya Lin, a **21-YEAR-OLD** Yale undergraduate.



More than **120 MILLION** people have visited the memorial since it opened in 1982.



The deadliest day of the war was the first day of the Tet Offensive, with **245 DEATHS**. 1968 was the bloodiest year, with **16,592 DEATHS**.

The wall is **493 FEET LONG** and comprised of **142 PANELS**.

The shortest panels hold fewer than **10 NAMES**.

The names are grouped chronologically by the year the person was killed or reported missing. The first year listed is **1959** → The last year is **1975**.



Approximately **1,600 SOLDIERS** are still listed as POW/MIA.

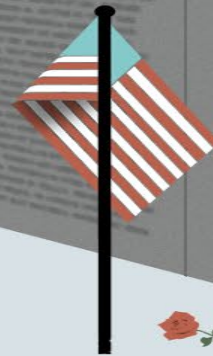
The tallest panels hold more than **600 NAMES**.

There are currently **58,272** names on the wall, including 333 additions since 1982.

- ★ Enlisted men and women accounted for nearly **87%** of all deaths.
- ★ More than 900 service members died on their **FIRST DAY** in Vietnam.
- ★ More than 1,400 died on their scheduled **DEPARTURE DAY**.



**151 MEDAL OF HONOR** winners are listed.



More than **150,000** items have been left at the wall.



**16 CLERGY MEMBERS** are listed, including two Medal of Honor recipients.



**8 WOMEN** are listed—all nurses—including Lt. Col. Annie Ruth Graham, who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.



**54 GRADUATES** of Philadelphia's Thomas Edison High School died, the most of any school in the country.

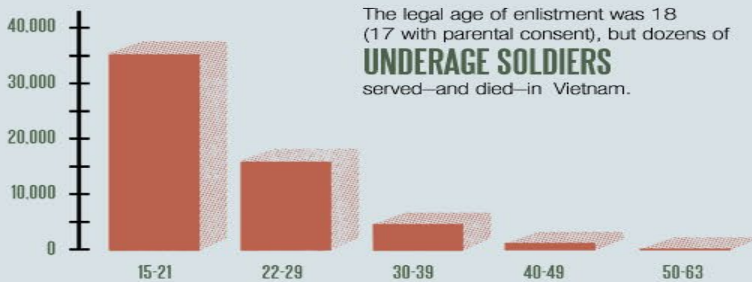


The most common surname is "Smith," with **667 NAMES**.

**SYMBOLS ARE USED BEFORE OR AFTER EACH NAME TO INDICATE THE PERSON'S STATUS**

- ◆ Confirmed dead
- + POW/MIA
- ◆+ Missing person is declared dead.
- + Missing person returns alive. *This has never been done.*

# OF DEATHS



The legal age of enlistment was 18 (17 with parental consent), but dozens of **UNDERAGE SOLDIERS** served—and died—in Vietnam.

**31** sets of brothers and **3** sets of fathers and sons were killed.

