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Oral Histories

For more information about the Oral History Collection, visit
<http://www.jfk.org/go/collections/oral-histories>.

J R Compton

Editor of the student magazine at the University of Dallas at the time of the assassination, Compton went on to serve in the Vietnam War and become a vocal anti-war critic. After working as a staff photographer

at the Dallas Times Herald in the early 1970s, he was publisher of the left-wing underground newspapers Dallas NOTES and HOOKA. Recorded March 17, 2006.

Dr. Jerry Elrod

As minister of Lake June Methodist Church in Dallas in 1963, Elrod held a memorial service for President Kennedy on the evening of the assassination. When he was a student at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, he was well acquainted with both the Rev. Bill Holmes, who preached a controversial sermon following the Kennedy assassination, and the Rev. Bill McElvaney, who became a vocal Vietnam War critic in 1967. Recorded May 1 and July 11, 2007.

Steve Herman

Growing up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Herman was a politically active Kennedy supporter. He was preparing for his lead role in his high school's senior class play when the assassination took place. Later, while in college, he protested the Vietnam War. Recorded August 13, 2009.

Gay Revi

Revi was a school teacher in Pennsylvania when she joined the Peace Corps in 1963. She was serving in Sierra Leon in west Africa when the assassination took place. Upon her return to the United States in 1966, she actively protested against the Vietnam War. Recorded April 1, 2011.

Millie Seltzer

On November 22, 1963, Seltzer took her six children to Dallas Love Field to see President Kennedy's arrival. Beginning in 1966, she and her husband, the late Dr. Holbrooke Seltzer, became prominent anti-Vietnam War activists in Dallas and participated in weekly silent protests in Dealey Plaza. Recorded January 10, 2006.

Tim Shorrock

Shorrock is an investigative journalist and author of *Spies for Hire: The Secret World of Intelligence Outsourcing* (2008). The son of missionaries, he visited Vietnam in 1963 and was living in Japan at the time of the assassination. Recorded May 21, 2010.

Dr. Dolores Tadlock

An educator and author, Tadlock served in the Peace Corps from 1964 to 1966 and was part of the first group assigned to work in West Bengal, India. Upon her return to the United States, Tadlock and her husband became active Vietnam War protestors. Recorded July 30, 2008.

Gov. Jesse Ventura

A onetime professional wrestler, media personality, and former governor of Minnesota (1999-2003), Ventura was a political assassinations researcher and co-author, with Dick Russell, of *American Conspiracies* (2010). Twelve years old at the time of the assassination, Ventura went on to serve in the Vietnam War. Recorded June 30, 2010.

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Websites

Additional websites can be found through the [Internet Public Library](#) or the [Internet Archive](#).

American Experience - [Vietnam Online](#)

Online resources including primary sources, timeline, maps, and a teacher's guide created for a TV series, *Vietnam: A Television History*, broadcast in 1983 and 1997.

American Rhetoric - [Lyndon Baines Johnson: On Vietnam and Not Seeking Re-election](#)

Complete text, audio and video of the LBJ speech regarding the Vietnam War.

Center of Military History - [The U.S. Army in Vietnam](#)

This is an excerpt (chapter 28) from Vincent H. Demma's book *The U.S. Army in Vietnam*. Demma explains the reasons for the conflict, the political policies and U.S. Army campaigns that defined the Vietnam War.

Digital History - [Explorations: The Vietnam War as History](#)

Developed in collaboration with the University of Houston, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the Chicago Historical Society, and other partners, the Digital History is a website devoted to using new technologies to enhance teaching and research. The site provides exhibits, primary sources, teacher guides, timelines, multimedia, and other educational resources. The Vietnam War section includes a list of lesson plans and classroom activities.

History.com - [Vietnam War](#)

This website provides articles, video and audio documentation detailing the Vietnam War from its roots in World War II to its lasting legacy in American and Southeast Asia.

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum - [Vietnam](#)

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to the memory of our nation's thirty-fifth president and to all those who through the art of politics seek a new and better world. This article details how the Kennedy administration dealt with the growing Communist threat from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Kennedy Assassination Home Page - [Was Kennedy Planning to Pull Out of Vietnam?](#)

Created by John McAdams, professor of political science at Marquette University, the site is "dedicated to debunking the mass of misinformation and disinformation surrounding the murder of JFK." McAdams reviews an oral history of Robert F. Kennedy conducted by the John F. Kennedy Library.

Mary Ferrell Foundation - [Kennedy and Vietnam](#)

Created by researcher and historian Mary Ferrell, this website offers the largest searchable electronic collection of materials related to the JFK assassination and summarizes the JFK administration policies that relate to Vietnam during the early 1960s.

PBS.org - [Battlefield Vietnam](#)

Website provides articles, timeline, and photographs for an historical overview of the Vietnam War. Special attention is given to guerrilla warfare, the air war and the siege at Khe Sanh.

The Vietnam Center and Archive - [The Virtual Vietnam Archive](#)

The Virtual Vietnam Archive currently contains over 3.2 million pages of scanned material. Types of material include documents, photographs, slides, negatives, oral histories, artifacts, moving images,

sound recordings, maps, and collection finding aids. All non-copyrighted and digitized materials are available for users to download. The bulk of the holdings of the Vietnam Archive are personal in nature, such as private photographs and letters to and from home.

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Lesson Plans

American Experience - [Vietnam Online](#)

Online resources including primary sources, timeline, maps, and a teacher's guide created for a TV series, *Vietnam: A Television History*, broadcast in 1983 and 1997. The Teacher's Guide include suggested activities for learning history, civics, geography, and culture.

American Forum - [Lessons of the Vietnam War](#)

This material was prepared by the Center for Social Studies Education. Through its teacher/veteran partnership program, the center promotes more and better teaching of the Vietnam War, its lessons and legacies. Founded in 1984, CSSE seeks to do this by developing educational resources and training teachers and veterans to use them effectively.

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John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum - [Curricular Resources](#)

The JFK Presidential Library & Museum developed many wonderful educational resources and lesson plans divided up by grade level. Vietnam related resources are available for high school level students.

The National Archives - [Cold War: Was Vietnam a Turning Point in the Cold War?](#)

This part of the National Archives Education initiative, examines the aims of the American Presidents in Vietnam and how the American and rest of the world saw U.S. policy. The gallery provides two case studies to help students develop their own opinions about the Vietnam War.

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