

UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide: Vietnam War

Getting started

What information are you seeking? Write down key words from your assignment topic to use in your search. Make a list of keywords and synonyms you will be able to use as search terms.

Keywords	Synonyms

Now start your search for information.

Reference

If you are not sure what your topic is all about, look it up in a dictionary or encyclopedia. Start with definitions, maps, timelines or biographical snapshots, to put your topic into perspective. Yearbooks and Handbooks provide useful facts and figures.

Title	Location	Call Number
Historical dictionary of Vietnam	SS&H	DS556.25 .D85 1989
Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War: a political, social, and military history	SS&H	DS557.7.E532 2000
Encyclopedia of the Vietnam war	SS&H Quarto	DS557.7 .E53 1996
Encyclopedia of Asian History	SS&H Quarto	DS31.E53 1988

Books

Books are a good starting point and may provide a lot of the information you need. Use the Keyword search option in the Library catalogue for topics such as Vietnam war or Vietnam conflict, Long Tan, psycholog* stress vietnam or conscription Vietnam*, Vietnam after war. Tips: use a question mark (?) within a word to expand your search e.g. Wom?n will find results for both women and woman; use an asterisk (*) at the end of a word to expand your search e.g. Vietnam* will find results for Vietnam and Vietnamese. Try the subject search for subjects such as Vietnam -- History -- 1945-1975 or Vietnam War, 1961-1975 -- Foreign public opinion, American, Vietnam War, 1961-1975 -- Psychological aspects, Vietnam War, 1961-1975 -- Social aspects. You can also browse the catalogue using subject keywords to find SUBJECT HEADINGS, or browse the shelves at the CALL NUMBERS indicated:

SUBJECT	LOCATION	CALL NUMBER
Asia - History	SS&H	DS518.2
Asia - History	SS&H	DS35.2
Vietnam -History	SS&H	DS556.57
Vietnam - History	SS&H	DS556.8
Economic history and conditions - Vietnam	SS&H	HC444.I45
Vietnamese conflict, 1961-1975 -- Participation, Australian.	SS&H	DU113

Now add resources you have found, using the Keywords you listed for your topic.

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Journals

For recent information, journal articles are often the best sources. Looking through journals in the hope of finding relevant material is time consuming. It is better to use full text databases to find articles on your topic. If your school subscribes to databases through UQL Cyberschool, you can access them at school (or home) through your Library network. See your Teacher Librarian for details and passwords. Some of the databases available to schools for free through your local Council Library or the State Library of Queensland are found at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles>

JSTOR	JSTOR is a multidisciplinary archive of high-resolution scanned scholarly journals. It is not a current issues database. Because of JSTOR's archival mission, there is a gap, from 1 to 5 years, between the most recently published journal issue and the back issues available. Subject areas covered include economics, law, history, Asian studies, Middle Eastern studies, language, literature, music, film studies, performing arts, religion and visual arts.
Humanities & Social Sciences Collection (Informit)	Covers agriculture, arts, Asian studies, business, cultural studies, education, history, indigenous studies, law, media, political science, reference, social sciences, science and technology. Content sources include peer-reviewed journals, monographs and books, conference proceedings, research papers and reference materials.

Refer to the Keywords you listed above to use as initial search terms. For example, to find information about specific features of Vietnam War you could search JSTOR, limiting the search to articles with full text, using the phrase such as Vietnam War or "vietnamese resistance" imperialism in a Keyword search.

Internet resources

To find specific information on the Internet relevant to your assignment search, use the right search tools.

UQL Cyberschool Internet Sites Database – contains selected for use in your assignments. It is searchable by keyword and by your school subject e.g. Ancient History.	http://cyberschool.library.uq.edu.au/index.phtml
A range of Internet Search Tools will help you to locate required information	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/internet-web-searching

Other resources

For some topics you will need to consult specialist information sources.

Quick Reference Collection An online reference collection providing quick links to Government sites, statistics, biographies, facts, figures, definitions and dates	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/quickref/index.html
News How to Guide Media releases, the latest news and some freely available archive material.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/news-and-newspapers
UQ Library Subject Guides Get started – find books, journal articles, using databases, relevant Internet resources and specialised information in your subject area or handy hints on a specific topic.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/findit/index.html

