Globe Lesson 11
The Vietnam War

Skills used Latitude & Longitude
Using scale to measure distance
Solving problems
Using directions

Materials Needed Globe in Horizon Ring Mounting

Lesson

On your globe find and circle the country of Viet Nam. Viet Nam is a long narrow country that is located in Southeast Asia in the area of 16°N/108°E. What is the capital of this country? (1.) ___ _____ What countries border Viet Nam on the west? (2.) _____ What Sea borders VIET NAM on the east? (3.) _____

At one time Viet Nam was divided into a northern part and a southern part with an east west dividing line located approximately 75 miles north of the city of Hue. The capital of the southern part was a city called Saigon, now called Ho Chi Minh City. Circle Hue and Ho Chi Minh City on the globe.

During the 1960s and 1970s the United States was involved in a war in Viet Nam. Thousands of American men and women traveled to Viet Nam to fight in this war on the side of the South Vietnamese. To reach Viet Nam most Americans traveled by air and they departed the United States from the San Francisco area of California.

Use your globe to determine the great circle distance from San Francisco at 38°N/122°W to Ho Chi Minh City. How far is it? (4.) _____ Over what two island countries would this route pass? (5.) _____ How long would it have taken a military jet transport plane flying at 600 miles per hour to travel this distance? (6.) _____

If you were the pilot of a transport plane that could carry only enough fuel for a flight of 4,000 miles, what would be the best possible route from San Francisco to Ho Chi Minh City? (7.) ____
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