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**Should the US have involved itself in the Vietnam War?**

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| **Source** | **Position (Yes or No)** | **Evidence** |
| **“Iron Curtain Speech” delivered by Winston Churchill, March 1946 in Fulton, Missouri.** | **Yes** | **“…what we have to consider here today while time remains, is the permanent prevention of war and the establishment of conditions of freedom and democracy as rapidly as possible in all countries.”** |
| **“Truman Doctrine Speech,” delivered by President Truman to Congress on March 12, 1947.** | **Yes** | **“I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures.”**  **“The free peoples of the world look to us for support in maintaining their freedoms. If we falter in our leadership, we may endanger the peace of the world. And we shall surely endanger the welfare of this nation.”** |
| **Declaration of Independence of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (1945) – Ho Chi Minh** | **No** | **“All men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among them are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” This immortal statement was made in the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America in 1776. In a broader sense, this means: All the peoples on the earth are equal from birth, all the peoples have a right to live, to be happy and free.** |
| **Gulf of Tonkin Resolution Congressional Joint Resolution, August 7, 1964** |  |  |
| **Telephone Conversation Between President Johnson and the President's Special Assistant for National Security Affairs (Bundy) Washington, May 27, 1964, 11:24 a.m.** |  |  |
| **Martin Luther King’s speech, “Beyond Vietnam,” delivered April 4, 1967, at a meeting of Clergy and Laity Concerned at Riverside Church in New York City.** |  |  |
| **John Kerry, testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, April 23, 1971.** |  |  |

**Should the US have involved itself in the Vietnam War? (Should we have stayed home?)**

**Write a paragraph response to this question using evidence from the sources.**