

War of Attrition: Military Strategies

*Definition: a series of relatively small battles designed to **deplete the resources of the enemy, weaken their morale, and reduce public support for the conflict** so that they are willing to surrender.*

Directions: Read **A War of Attrition** and fill in the chart to compare and contrast military strategies used by the U.S. and North Vietnamese.

<i>U.S. Strategy</i>	<i>Describe the military strategy used (be detailed)</i>	<i>Explain why the U.S. used this strategy. How does this strategy play to American strengths?</i>	<i>What are negative effects on this strategy? Think about as a military strategy and how it might impact public support of the war.</i>
Massive Bombing Campaign Operation Rolling Thunder			
Search and Destroy Missions			
Agent Orange Chemical Defoliants			

<i>Vietnamese Strategy</i>	<i>Describe the military strategy used (be detailed)</i>	<i>Explain why the Vietnamese used this strategy. How does this strategy play to Vietnamese strengths?</i>	<i>What are negative effects on this strategy? Think about as a military strategy and how it might impact public support of the war.</i>
Tet Offensive			
Guerilla Warfare			
Taking POWs			