



SECTION 2

Fighting the War

A. KEY TERMS

Use each of the following terms in a sentence that demonstrates its meaning.

1. saturation bombing _____
2. napalm _____
3. Tet Offensive _____

B. MAIN IDEAS

Write the letter of the correct ending in the blank provided.

- _____ 4. American soldiers were confused to discover that many South Vietnamese people
 - a. spoke French.
 - b. worked at farming and fishing.
 - c. had fled to Laos and Cambodia.
 - d. did not appreciate their efforts.
- _____ 5. Fighting conditions for American soldiers included
 - a. a dry, windswept environment.
 - b. the constant threat of bombing by B-52s.
 - c. the constant hazard of booby traps.
 - d. endless head-on clashes with enemy troops.
- _____ 6. One advantage the Viet Cong guerrillas had was their
 - a. sophisticated weapons.
 - b. elaborate tunnel systems.
 - c. truck convoys.
 - d. chemical weapons.
- _____ 7. In fighting the North Vietnamese, United States forces used
 - a. saturation bombing.
 - b. animal snares and punji stakes.
 - c. guerrilla tactics.
 - d. germ warfare.
- _____ 8. Herbicides such as Agent Orange were used mainly to
 - a. "firebomb" civilian targets.
 - b. smash roads and heavy bridges.
 - c. expose Viet Cong hiding places.
 - d. frighten peasants.
- _____ 9. The officer in charge of the My Lai massacre was
 - a. Le Ly Hayslip.
 - b. Hugh Thompson.
 - c. Ron Kovic.
 - d. William Calley.
- _____ 10. The death toll at My Lai might have been even greater but for
 - a. a lack of ammunition.
 - b. the heroics of an American helicopter crew.
 - c. a sudden, drenching downpour.
 - d. the arrival of Viet Cong reinforcements.