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**Reading Guide Worksheet**

**Howard Zinn, “History of Vietnam”**

1. Find three reasons that United States political and military leaders wanted to support a war to protect Indochina (Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam) as French instead of supporting the region’s independence? Explain.

2. When did the US declare war and under what rationale? What was the “free fire zone”? What were the strategies used to justify it?

3. What was the relationship between the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War?

4. Zinn spends ample time at the end of the chapter talking about North Americans protesting the war effort, denouncing the president, refusing the draft, and even soldiers’ insurrections in Vietnam. Why does ZInn think this is important?