



War in Vietnam

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER ACTIVITY

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Answers may vary. Students should use the viewpoints mentioned in the chart to support their opinion.