**Crash Course U.S. History #38**

**“Cold War in Asia” – Vietnam War**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2IcmLkuhG0&t=473s>

1. Explain the “fundamental misunderstanding” which the United States had of both Ho Chi Minh, and the Vietnamese civil war.
2. What was the intended purpose of the Geneva Accords, and why was that purpose never carried out?
3. Why does John Green call the Gulf of Tonkin Incident “one of the great ‘incidents’ in American history”?
4. Explain the term “credibility gap”, and describe a specific example of it from the Vietnam War.
5. Give a few examples of how the Vietnam War was different from any other American war before it (technology, tactics, public consciousness/opinion)
6. Describe Nixon’s two-part “secret plan” to end the Vietnam War. What were the results?
7. What was the significance of the “Pentagon Papers”?
8. How did Vietnam change the American perception of government?