

"A Letter Home": An American Soldier in Vietnam Worksheet

Assigned Soldier's Name: _____

Directions

1. Use the following Web sites to research information on your assigned soldier and on conditions and experiences of soldiers in Vietnam.
 - *The Virtual Wall. Vietnam Veterans Memorial.* <<http://virtualwall.org>>. Locate the name of your soldier by clicking on the first letter of his last name.
 - *Vietnam Veterans Home Page.* <<http://vietvet.org>>. Select "Remembrance" and then "Peruse the Wall." You may also find useful information in the "Glossary," "Letters from Vietnam," and other sections available on this site.
2. Take notes from these sites to assist you in getting to know your soldier and the conditions/circumstances that soldiers endured during their time in Vietnam.
3. Try to get inside the mind of a soldier: What would he be thinking? Feeling? Worrying about? Be careful and ***do not plagiarize*** (copy) information for your letter. Absorb the ideas presented, and then use your own words.

Requirements

1. Research: Use the recommended Web sites, notes, and letters read in class to get information. Information included in your letter must be historically accurate.
2. Writing: Your letter will be a form of historical fiction. You will be writing about an actual historical event, but you will be creating your own story line. You must write under the pen name assigned to you.
 - Your letter may be typed or handwritten.
 - If typed, your letter must be double-spaced in 10–12 point font and have one-inch margins.
 - Your letter must contain a minimum of 100 words.