

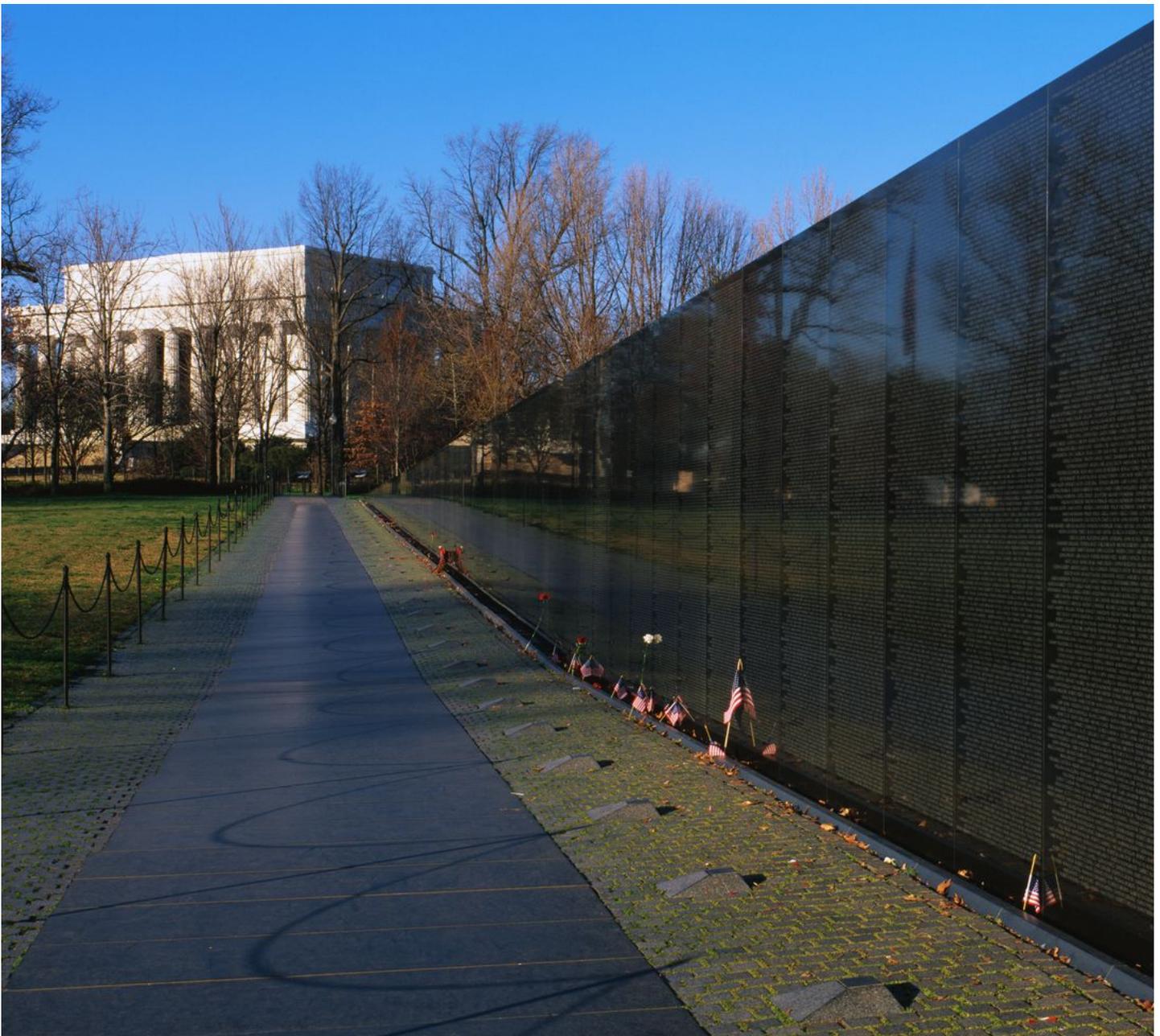


## Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Welcome to the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial* in Washington D.C.

Read the following information about the Vietnam War and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The words that are in **bold** will help you answer questions from the Civics part of the Naturalization Test. The words that are underlined are vocabulary words from the Reading and Writing parts of the Naturalization Test.

Civics Test Questions are highlighted for quick reference.





## The Vietnam War

**The Vietnam War is one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.**

The United States began sending members of the military to Vietnam in 1955.

*79. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.*

Dwight D. Eisenhower was President of the United States when the U.S. began sending members of the military to Vietnam.

**Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general in World War II. The U.S. fought in World War II from 1941 – 1945.**

*82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general.  
What war was he in?*



## World War II

During World War II, **the United States fought against Germany, Italy, and Japan.** The U.S. and the Soviet Union fought on the same side in World War II.

*81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?*

After World War II, the U.S. and the Soviet Union began a cold war.

## The Cold War and Communism

During a cold war there are tensions between countries, and countries may make threats about going to war, but there are not any actual battles that are fought between soldiers.

During the Cold War with the Soviet Union, **the main concern of the United States was communism.**

*83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?*

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#### **The United States has a capitalist economic system.**

The Soviet Union was a communist country.

#### *11. What is the economic system in the United States?*

The Cold War was a competition between capitalism and communism.

In Vietnam, the northern part of the country supported communism. The United States did not want the southern part of Vietnam to become communist. That is one of the main reasons why the U.S. began to send members of the military to Vietnam.

The U.S. began sending larger numbers of soldiers in the 1960s. The Vietnam War lasted 19 years. It ended in 1974.



### **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was open to the public in 1982.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial has the names of 58,318 U.S. soldiers who died during the Vietnam War.

It has 2 walls that meet in the middle. One wall points towards the Washington Monument, and the other wall to the Lincoln Memorial.



The Vietnam Veterans Memorial also has 2 statues that were added later. One is called The Three soldiers. It honors soldiers that fought in battle in Vietnam.

The other statue is the Vietnam Women's Memorial. It honors the many roles that women played during the Vietnam War.



## **Vocabulary for the Reading and Writing Parts of the Naturalization Test**

The table below contains the underlined words from the information you just read about the Vietnam War and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. They are some of the vocabulary words for the Reading and Writing parts of the Naturalization Test.

<b>Vocabulary for the Reading Test</b>	<b>Vocabulary for Both the Reading and Writing Test</b>
Country U.S.	Abraham Lincoln/Lincoln George Washington/Washington One President United States

To see a full list of the 100 questions on the Naturalization Civics Test, and a full list of the vocabulary on the Reading and Writing Test, please visit the USCIS Citizenship Resource Center: [www.uscis.gov/citizenship](http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship).