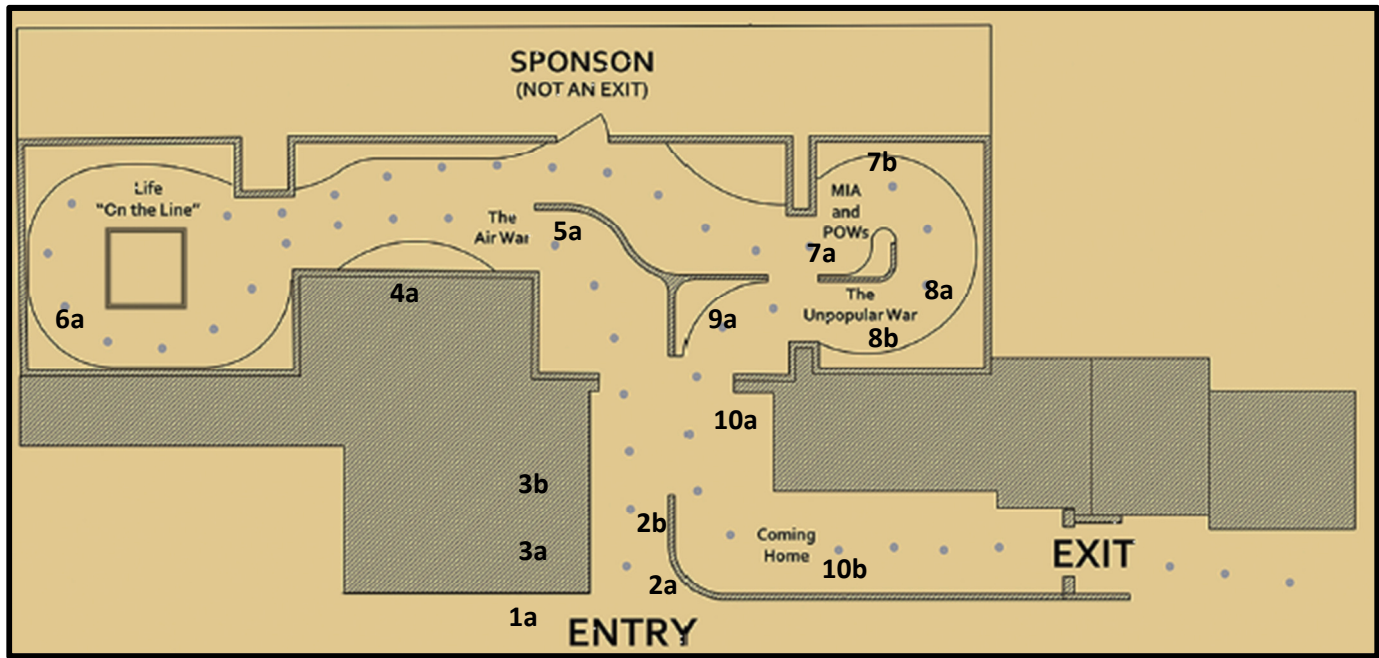


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## On the Line: Intrepid and the Vietnam War

### Exhibition Questions

**Challenge:** Using the map of the exhibition on the right, find the objects listed below. Use your observations and the labels to answer the questions in the spaces provided.



#### 1. Introduction

1a. Introduction Wall

#### 2. Cold War Fears

2a. Map of Vietnam

2b. Domino Theory Cartoon

#### 3. Facts and Fictions

3a. Gulf of Tonkin Wall

3b. Gulf of Tonkin Screen

#### 4. The Air War

4a. The Air War Panel

#### 5. 3,000 Men

5a. U.S. Navy Recruitment Poster

#### 6. Dangerous Skies

6a. Survival, Escape and Evasion Kit

#### 7. Missing in Action and Prisoners of War

7a. Photograph of U.S. Prisoners of War

7b. POW: Lt. Wilson Denver "Denny" Key Screen

#### 8. The Unpopular War

8a. Photographs of Protest

8b. Photograph of Flag-Covered Caskets

#### 9. The Intrepid Four

9a. Newspaper, 1968

#### 10. Coming Home

10a. Photographs of Helicopter and Refugees

10b. Photographs of *Intrepid* Returning Home

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**Exhibition Questions**

**1. Introduction**

1a. Introduction Wall

*From what or whose perspective is this exhibition told? How do you think this perspective may differ from troops fighting on the ground?*

**2. Cold War Fears**

2a. Map of Vietnam

*Look at the map and read the first paragraph of the "Gulf of Tonkin" panel to your left. Before the war, North Vietnam, which was led by Ho Chi Minh, strove for an independent, unified and Communist Vietnam. Why do you think the United States would have wanted to prevent the North Vietnamese from reaching South Vietnam?*

2b. Domino Theory Cartoon

*What is represented in this cartoon? According to this cartoon, what fears did the government of the United States have?*

**3. Facts and Fictions**

3a. Gulf of Tonkin Panel

*What occurred on August 2, 1964? What happened two days later?*

3b. Gulf of Tonkin Screen

*What did the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution allow the president to do?*

**4. The Air War**

4a. The Air War Panel

*What were the goals of Operation Rolling Thunder at the start? How did they change?*

**5. 3,000 Men**

5a. U.S. Navy Recruitment Poster

*The majority of Intrepid's crew members during the Vietnam War were volunteers. Why do you think a poster like this might make someone want to volunteer?*

**6. Dangerous Skies**

6a. Survival, Escape and Evasion Kit

*Intrepid started service in Vietnam at Dixie Station near South Vietnam and later moved to Yankee Station near North Vietnam, where there was more risk of enemy fire. Why might pilots need to carry some of the equipment in this kit?*

## **7. Missing in Action and Prisoners of War**

### 7a. Photograph of U.S. Prisoners of War

*This photograph was taken during a visit by international observers and Western journalists. Why do you think observers and journalists were allowed in the prison camp?*

### 7b. POW: Lt. Wilson Denver “Denny” Key Screen

*Both Lt. Wilson Denver “Denny” Key and Cdr. Peter Schoeffel were shot down and captured during the Vietnam War. Listen to one of Lieutenant Key’s memories of his captivity by selecting one on the screen. What can you infer about his prison camp experience? If you have time, look through the poetry that Commander Schoeffel wrote during his time in captivity on the screen to your right.*

## **8. The Unpopular War**

### 8a. Photographs of Protest

*Compare these photographs of antiwar protesters. What can you tell about their reasons for wanting to end U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War?*

### 8b. Photograph of Flag-Covered Caskets

*The war in Vietnam was the first televised war. How do you think images and video from the war affected public opinion back in the United States?*

## 9. The *Intrepid* Four

9a. Newspaper, 1968

*Read through the last paragraph of the “Dissent On Board” panel to your right. How do you think the public would have reacted to hearing about the Intrepid Four? Why?*

## 10. Coming Home

10a. Photograph of Helicopter and Refugees

*Do you believe the United States was responsible for the South Vietnamese people left in Saigon after the withdrawal of U.S. troops? Why or why not?*

10b. Photographs of *Intrepid* Returning Home

*Intrepid returned to Norfolk, Virginia, in 1969. The Vietnam War lasted until 1975. According to what you already knew about the experience of U.S. troops returning from Vietnam, how did the return for Intrepid pictured here differ from the return home for other servicemen?*

## Essay Prompts

Using the information you learned from your tour of the exhibition and your knowledge of the Vietnam War, answer **one** of the essay prompts on a separate piece of paper.

### Informative:

- a. **How do you think the experience of *Intrepid* crew members differed from the experience of non-Navy servicemen during the Vietnam War?**
  
- b. **How was the Vietnam War different from earlier wars in which the United States took part?**

### Argumentative:

- c. **Should the United States have been involved in the Vietnam War? Why or why not?**
  
- d. **Should a government ever hide information from its people? Why or why not?**