## Digital Stories – The Vietnam War

## Task

Your task is to tell the story of Australia and the Vietnam War through the use of pictures, music and words in what we describe as a digital story.

To do this, you will need to do the following:

- 1. Skim over the information you have collected or use the wiki notes on the Vietnam war.
- 2. Decide on a sequence what exactly are you going to tell in your story. Eg
  - i. The Cold War context
  - ii. Reasons for Australians involvement in Vietnam
  - iii. The events on LongTan or My Lai
  - iv. Conscription and the Moratorium movement
  - v. Impact on Veterans
- 3. Script your story. This must be done before you start collecting pictures or music or video.
  - Think of what you will say and then find pictures that work with that, rather than trying to do it the other way around. This will ensure that your story makes sense and is logical.
  - ii. You will need to make sure each slide of information has not more than 20 words to it so you may need to summarise things heavily or have information across more than one slide.
  - iii. Here's an example

The Cold War was a state of tension between the US and the USSR.

They did not fight directly but fought a number of proxy wars

Vietnam was one of these proxy wars

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Of communism

Australia became involved in this war for a number of reasons

- 4. Search the internet for a collection of photos (and video if possible) that will complement your text and visually represent the war in general. Save these as JPG files into a folder on your computer.
- 5. Find some music that you think will best match the tone and message of your presentation.
- 6. Start assembling your presentation in Windows Live Movie Maker. A separate lesson will be given on how to use this program.