

## Compare/Contrast Vietnam and Afghan Wars

|   | <b>Vietnam (US)</b> | <b>Afghan (USSR)</b>   |
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| <i>Why did the war fought?</i>                    |                     | To prevent the spread of democracy                                       |
|   |                     | To preserve the pro-Soviet government in Afghanistan                     |
| <i>What advantages did the enemies have?</i>      |                     | Had mountain cover   |
| <i>The "tone" of the countries' departure was</i> |                     | Was reasonably dignified   |
| <i>Numbers of troops on the ground were</i>       |                     | Maxed out at about 120,000 troops  |
| <i>The effects of mass media were</i>             |                     | Didn't make known to the public the effects of the war due to censorship |
| <i>Number of dead:</i>                            |                     | 15,000   |
| <i>With whom did the US/USSR side?</i>            |                     | U.S. aided the mujahiddin  |
| <i>What was the worst consequence suffered?</i>   |                     | Led to rise of Taliban and Osama bin Laden                               |
| <i>Why did they (we) get involved?</i>            |                     | Brezhnev Doctrine  |

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### Similarities

Both countries got \_\_\_\_\_ down in the war.

Both countries believed that superior \_\_\_\_\_ would help them win the war.

Both war lasted for a \_\_\_\_\_ time.

Both wars made a superpower look bad in the eyes of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Both countries' \_\_\_\_\_ were adversely affected.

Both countries fought a highly \_\_\_\_\_ guerilla force.

Both countries \_\_\_\_\_ the war.

Both were indirectly fought out between the U.S. and USSR, called \_\_\_\_\_ wars.