**Task Structure**

You are an American or Australian soldier in the Vietnam War in about 1968. During your tour of duty you collect keepsakes and pictures from your time in Vietnam. You also keep a diary. You are keen to make sure that your experience is remembered by yourself, your family and friends, so you decide to create a scrapbook.

**Step 1:** Write at least 4 diary entries and up to 6 entries

Think about whether they use language and explanations that your readers will find interesting. Remember, you may have been writing some of the entries under battle pressure in the jungle or when relaxing in Saigon, so some entries will be rushed and others will be more complete. **Make sure each entry has at least 3 specific historical facts.**

When you are happy that your diary entries are exciting and informative enough to enter the scrapbook, you should begin. Your scrapbook will have one page for each of the diary entries. You will cut out each diary entry and paste it into the appropriate page.

**Step 2:** A scrap book is not a scrapbook without lots of memorable pictures and keepsakes glued in. Around each diary entry, you should paste in as many of these as you can find **that fit in with the story** that you are telling at that point. For example, perhaps when you are explaining about being on patrol in the jungle you could include:

- a description of your rations

- a typical weather report for that time of year (showing whether it was hot or wet, or both)

- a photo of “you” in the jungle in camouflage

- a map showing where you were

Under or next to each artefact, you need a caption explaining it.

Your teacher will tell you the due dates.

*Before you begin, have a look at some examples and think about what form your scrapbook is going to take.*

**Scrapbook Page by Page Checklist (you can do other topics instead, but ask your teacher first)**

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| **Page 1**  **a) Diary entry that explains:**   1. What did you feel about the war when you arrived in Vietnam ? 2. How do you feel now about the war? 3. Do you think that the Vietnamese should be allowed to rule their own country even if they are communists? Or should the French still rule the country? Or should an American backed capitalist Vietnamese government rule?   **b) Keepsakes glued around the page that relate to your story.** | **Page 2**  **a) Diary entry that explains:**   1. What kinds of warfare have you seen? 2. Does it seem like one side is winning? 3. How do you feel about fighting the Viet Cong with their booby traps and tunnels?     **b) Keepsakes glued around the page that relate to Tommy’s story.** | **Page 3**  **a) Diary entry that explains:**   1. Did you enjoy your furlough to China Beach? 2. What did you do while you were there? 3. Are the soldiers a good or bad influence on Vietnamese people?   **b) Keepsakes glued around the page that relate to Tommy’s story.** |
| **Page 4**  **a) Diary entry that explains:**   1. Your reactions to the Tet Offensive 2. Where were you? 3. In your opinion, who won?   **b) Keepsakes glued around the page that relate to Tommy’s story.** | **Page 5**  **a) Diary entry that explains:**   1. Describe the transport and equipment that you have seen or used. 2. Which do you think are the most successful for this type of war? 3. What did you think when you first saw a helicopter come out of the sky to evacuate you?   **b) Keepsakes glued around the page that relate to Tommy’s story.** | **Page 6**  **Optional bonus page**  Any important topic you feel needs covering. |
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