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IMAGES OF WAR: VIETNAM

Vietnam was the United States' longest war, and it remains immensely controversial. This course will look at how that war has been portrayed in films, literature, music, and popular culture. Such books as *The Things They Carried*, *The Quiet American*, and *A Rumor of War* will be considered. Such award winning feature films as *Platoon*, *Full Metal Jacket*, *The Deer Hunter*, and *Apocalypse Now*, as well as documentaries such as *Hearts and Minds*, will be screened and discussed. The course will address the question, "Why did the tragedy and horror of Vietnam produce so much great art? In addition, we will consider the Vietnam War through the lens of World War II on the one hand and the present Iraq conflict on the other so as to understand it better in a relative sense. The instructor was in the United States diplomatic service during much of the Vietnam War and thus brings much personal experience to the course. We will have Vietnam War veterans as guest speakers.