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Vietnam War through film

Green Berets

Context and information- In theaters in 1968 at the height of American involvement in Vietnam. It is one of the only movies made about Vietnam during the conflict.

Clip information-

Describe the Hollywood portrayal of the Vietnam War based on this clip. Use evidence from the information box-

Apocalypse Now

Context and information- In theaters in 1979 four years after the fall of Saigon. This film won multiple academy awards. The plot tracks a Special Ops. Soldier given the task of killing an American Colonel that had gone rogue.

Clip information-

Describe the Hollywood portrayal of the Vietnam War based on this clip. Use evidence from the information box-

Forest Gump

Context and information- In theaters in 1994. Won six academy awards, including best picture. This movie follows an American that is present for many major events of the 60's, 70's and 80's

Clip information-

Describe the Hollywood portrayal of the Vietnam War based on this clip. Use evidence from the information box-

We Were Soldiers

Context and information- In theaters in 2002. Depicts the first major American conflict in Vietnam. This conflict occurred in 1965.

Clip information-

Describe the Hollywood portrayal of the Vietnam War based on this clip. Use evidence from the information box-

Reflection: Explain in complete sentences and support with evidence.

1. Do the four video clips represent the Vietnam War accurately?

2. Is this war portrayed positively, negatively, or a combination of both?

3. Based on the four clips, does the Hollywood story of the Vietnam War remain

consistent over time?

4. In your opinion, does the Hollywood opinion of war have a significant impact on American popular opinion?

