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The Vietnam Generation Chart: Document Analysis

Critical Thinking Questions: Examples from the chart must be cited in answering these questions.

1) Compare the number of drafted versus enlisted military in the Vietnam generation. What conclusions can you draw from this data?

2) What does the chart tell you regarding the soldiers who served in Vietnam versus the number of soldiers who served in the military but were never assigned to Vietnam?

3) What conclusion(s) can be drawn regarding combat versus non-combat units in Vietnam?

4) What percentage of the Vietnam generation never served in the military? What percentage of those who never served were deferred, exempted, or disqualified from service? What percentage of the Vietnam generation were apparent draft offenders? What categories of the Selective Service law would include men who never served?

5) What conclusions can you make when you compare the numbers of apparent draft offenders to unaccused draft offenders?

6) What categories make up the accused-draft-offender cohort?

7) If you subtract the cases-dropped category, what percentage of people fit into the accused-draft-offender category?

8) Where do women fit into the Selective Service System? What conclusions can be drawn from this fact?
