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**John Kerry Testimony before Senate Foreign Relations Committee: Document Analysis**

**Important Phrases:** Which are the most powerful phrases in the testimony? Choose three phrases.

Phrase 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

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Phrase 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

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Phrase 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

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

1) Who does Kerry say he is speaking for?

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2) What had previously occurred in Detroit?

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3) What kinds of atrocities does Kerry outline in paragraph 3?

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4) Why does he characterize his investigation as a “Winter Soldier investigation” in paragraph 4?

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5) What does Kerry say is the “height of criminal hypocrisy”?

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6) How does Kerry characterize the conflict in Vietnam? Why is this important to his analysis?

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7) How does Kerry portray the average Vietnamese understanding of politics and their contrast between communism and democracy?

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8) What is the tone of paragraphs 9, 10, 11, and 12? What rhetorical device does Kerry use here to build a case about the nature of the war

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9) Why does Kerry appeal to the Congress and not to the President? What is Kerry’s attitude toward US “leadership” in general?

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10) What is the point of referring to an advertisement in *Playboy*? What is the tone of the last few lines of testimony?

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