

Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam

Name _____

Think about what you saw and heard in the film as you respond to the questions. **Continue on the back when you run out of space.** Use your own words for all responses.

Per. ___ Date _____ Row _____

1. What was the Vietnam War like for the men that fought it? What were the daily hardships that they faced (list/describe at least 5)? 1b. How was it different than previous wars?

2. What fears and concerns did the soldiers share in their letters home (describe at least 3)?

3. What attitudes did the soldiers have about the war? 3b. How did their views shift over the course of the war?

4. How do you think the recipients of these letters responded to them? 4b. How would you respond? Pick an anecdote (an experience or incident recounted in someone's letter) and **write your response to it as if you were writing back to that soldier.**

5. A reader of the book that the movie is based on said, "This book should be required reading for all students of that war and required reading for every President who ever contemplates sending soldiers into battle." Do you think the same is true of the film? Why or why not?

6. What did you learn about the Vietnam War from this film? How does it make you feel about the war?