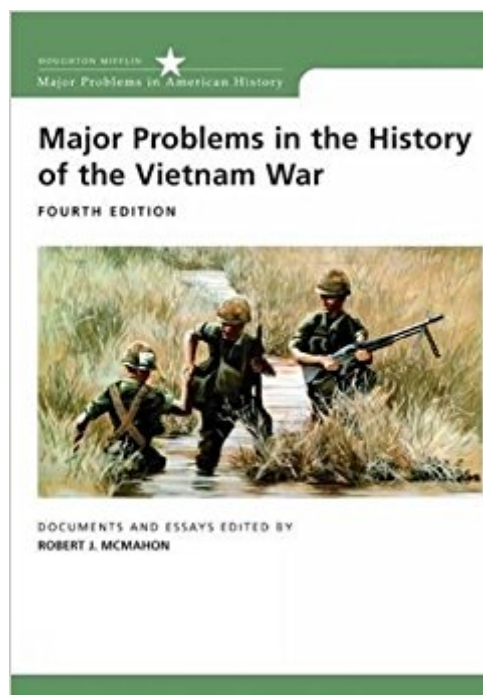


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Very interesting reading for anyone curious about learning more about the Vietnam War. I bought it for a college class I was taking, have decided to keep it, because I enjoyed reading it.

Full of fact filled information about the Vietnam War. A great addition for research on Vietnam War.

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