**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 29—Vietnam and the End of the Cold War Consensus, 1961–1975**

* **Why was the United States unable to achieve its objectives in Vietnam?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to help yourself identify why the United States was unable to achieve its objectives in Vietnam. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the reasons in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Specific obstacle(s) to U.S. objectives in Vietnam** | **Outcome(s)** |
| **How did U.S. foreign policy change under Kennedy?** |  |  |
| **Why did Johnson escalate American involvement in Vietnam?** |  |  |
| **How did the war in Vietnam polarize the nation?** |  |  |
| **How did U.S. foreign policy change under Nixon?** |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the following question:*

* **Why was the United States unable to achieve its objectives in Vietnam?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*