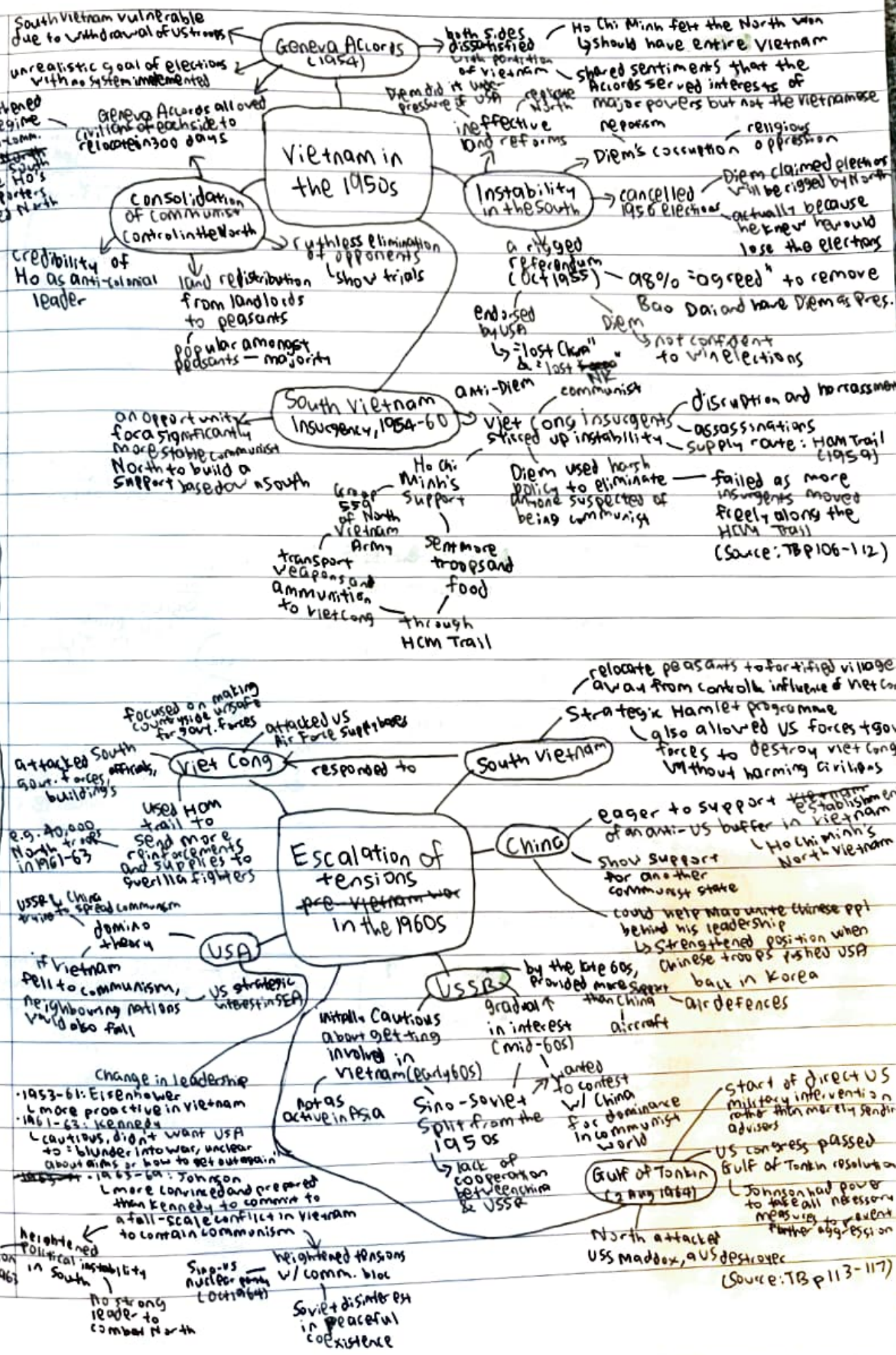


Reasons for outbreak of Vietnam war (2 Aug 1964)



Course of the Vietnam War

Aug 1964: Gulf of Tonkin

Mar 1965

11 End-1967: A series of battles along N-S border (USA had superior fire power over a guerrilla terrain - Viet Cong - familiar terrain - battle-hardened) ⇒ Stalemate
Public perception in USA: war going well

Jan 1968: Tet offensive

Viet Cong attacked over 100 cities
US & South troops quickly retake towns (e.g. Hue, Battle of Hue) - killed civilians
Ppl questioned legitimacy of US claims of moral righteousness
Set back to US involvement in Vietnam

Mar 1968: My Lai Massacre

A village in central Vietnam
elderly, children, women killed

Apr 1969 - end-1971: 400,000 US troops left Vietnam

Jan 1973: signed Paris Peace Accords to "end war and restore peace in Vietnam"

Mar 1973: the last US forces had left Vietnam

Dec 1974: North launched a major offensive against South

Apr 1975: Fall of Saigon

1976: Vietnam as a communist state

