

The American Yawp

VOLUME II: AFTER 1877

Essay 2

Understanding how the Vietnam War shaped American culture

The Vietnam War loomed over American life long after the United States formally disentangled itself from the conflict. In *The Scar That Binds: American Culture and the Vietnam War*, Keith Beattie explores how American culture attempted to come to terms with “Vietnam.”

In between 1,200 to 1,500 words, use Keith Beattie’s monograph [*The Scar that Binds*](#) to answer the question, “How did American culture grapple with the Vietnam War?”

Be sure to have a clear argument that you defend with relevant evidence. Organize your paper with a logical structure and use clear topic sentences and transitions to help your reader understand the logic of your organization. Edit your paper thoroughly to avoid errors and to improve readability. Give your paper a title that reflects your argument.

Grading criteria:

- **Argument: 25%** Does your paper have a clear, singular, specific argument that answers the question?
- **Evidence: 25%** Do you use all of the relevant evidence to defend your argument?
- **Organization: 25%** Does your paper have a logical structure and use clear topic sentences and transitions?
- **Clarity: 25%** Is your prose efficient, crisp and polished, free of excessive passive voice or distracting spelling or grammatical errors?

Formatting:

- 12-pt., Times New Roman font, double-spaced
- 1” margins
- 1200-1500 words (4-5 full, double-spaced pages)

Due **DATE** through **LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

* For this assignment, you may only use the Beattie’s monograph.