**ESSAY: Compare and contrast Lyndon Johnson’s policies in Vietnam with Richard Nixon’s.**

**Compare and contrast:** Give an account of similarities and differences between two (or more) items or situations, referring to both (all) of them throughout.

The best way to tackle each President’s different approaches is to think about dividing your essay into **themes**, or in this case **policies.**  Use the table below to help you compare and contrast the differnet approaches each President took towards the Vietnam war. **NOTE: To get to the higher levels you need to show you have looked at the interpretations of historians if able. Can you find any quotes/arguments to support your knowledge?**

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| **Theme** | **President Lyndon B. Johnson** | **President Richard Nixon** |
| **Goals** | **Support South Vietnam and prevent unification with the North.** | **Provide the means for South Vietnam to be able to defend itself.** |
| **The Ground War** |  |  |
| **The Air War** | **Operation Rolling Thunder: Relentless bombing of North and South Vietnam.**  |  |
| **Support for South Vietnamese politicians** |  |  |
| **Peace talks** |  | **Further negotiations with North Vietnamese.** |