

Operation BabyLift During the Vietnam War

What was Operation BabyLift?

In April 1975, Operation BabyLift took place. A medical director gathered orphans throughout Saigon, a city in Vietnam. With the North Vietnamese closing in, Frederick “Skip” Burkle Jr. knew that these babies and children needed rescuing. Approximately 3,000 infants and children were taken to the Clark Airbase in the Philippines and then taken to the United States and other Western countries. A Boeing 747 flew the children.

Directions: In the spaces provided, record how Christina’s life was changed as a result of Operation BabyLift. Then, write down your reaction as to what she likely felt during this time.

How was Christina’s life changed as a result of Operation BabyLift?	How do you think this made Christina feel?	How would this make you feel?

The Vietnam War: KWL

Directions: Before viewing the video, record three facts you know about the Vietnam War. After viewing the video, write down three questions you wish you would like to know about some aspect of the Vietnam War. Then, use an online resource to try to find the answers to your questions. Keep in mind that these answers won't relate directly to Christina, but they may provide insights into how things were for her.

Know	Want to Know	Learned

Operation BabyLift During the Vietnam War Review Questions

Directions: Answer each question using information from the video.

1. Why does Christina think she was abandoned at birth?
2. What were some of the medical conditions Christina suffered from?
3. How did Operation BabyLift help Christina?
4. How might Christina's life have been different if her biological parents had not abandoned her?
5. What did you find the most interesting about Christina's story?