

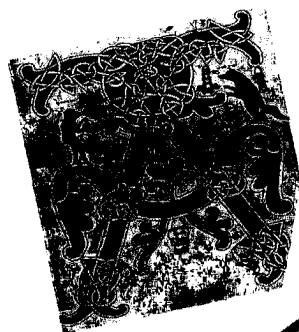
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video jockey *n.* *Abbr.* **VJ** One who announces, plays, and provides commentary on videotaped programs, especially music videos, as on television or at a discotheque.

vid•e•o•phile (vid'ē-ə-fil') *n.* One with an avid interest in watching television or videos or in making video recordings.

vid•e•o•phone (vid'ē-ə-fōn') *n.* A telephone equipped for both audio and video transmission.

vid•e•o•tape (vid'ē-ə-tāp') *n.* 1. A relatively wide magnetic tape used to record visual images and associated sound for subsequent playback or broadcasting. 2. A recording made on such a tape. *tr.v.* **-taped, -taping, -tapes** To make a videotape recording of.

vid•e•o•text (vid'ē-ə-tēks') also **vid•e•o•text** (-tēkst') *n.* An information service in which data is transmitted over television cables or telephone lines and displayed on a television or computer screen in the home. [VIDEO + TEXT(T).]

video vérité *n.* A television filming or videotaping technique in which the subjects are portrayed with frank, unbiased realism, as for a documentary program. [VIDEO + (CINÉMA) VÉRITÉ.]

vi•dette (vi-dēt') *n.* Variant of **vedette**.

vid•i•con (vid'i-kōn') *n.* A small television camera tube that forms a charge-density image on a photoconductive surface for subsequent electron-beam scanning. [VID(EO) + ICON(OSCOPE).]

Vi•din (vē'dīn) A city of extreme northwest Bulgaria on the Danube River near the Yugoslav border. Founded in the first century A.D. as a Roman fortress, it was under Turkish rule from 1396 to 1807. Population: 64,000.

Vi•dor (vē'dōr), **King Wallis** 1894–1982. American film director noted for his experimentation with visual effects and camera movement in motion pictures such as *The Big Parade* (1925) and *Wedding Night* (1935).

vie (vi) *v.* **vied, vying** (vi'ing), **vies** —*intr.* To strive for victory or superiority; contend. See synonyms at **rival**. —*tr.* 1. *Archaic* To offer in competition; match. 2. *Obsolete* To wager or bet. [Short for Middle English *envien*, from Old French *envier*, from Latin *invitare*, to invite, give occasion for. See INVITE.]

Vi•en•na (vē-ēn'ə) The capital and largest city of Austria, in the northeast part of the country on the Danube River. Originally a Celtic settlement, it became the official residence of the house of Hapsburg in 1278 and a leading cultural center in the 18th century, particularly under the reign (1740–1780) of Maria Theresa. Vienna was designated the capital of Austria in 1918. Population: 1,560,471.

Vienna sausage *n.* A small sausage resembling a frankfurter, often served as an hors d'oeuvre. [After VIENNA.]

Vienne (vyēn) A river, about 349 km (217 mi) long, of southwest-central France flowing generally northwest to the Loire River.

Vi•en•nese (vē'ə-nēz', -nēs') *adj.* Relating to or characteristic of Vienna, Austria. *n., pl.* **Viennese** 1. A native or inhabitant of Vienna. 2. The variety of German spoken in Vienna.

Vi•en•tiane (vyēn'tyān') The capital and largest city of Laos, in the north-central part of the country on the Mekong River and the Thailand border. It became the capital of the French protectorate of Laos in 1899 and later the capital of independent Laos. Population: 210,000.

Vier•sen (fir'zən) A city of west-central Germany west of Düsseldorf. It is a textile-manufacturing center. Population: 78,784.

Viet. *abbr.* 1. Vietnam 2. Vietnamese

Vi•et•cong also **Viet Cong** (vē-ēt'kōng', -kōng', vē'it-, vyēt'-) *n., pl.* **Vietcong** also **Viet Cong** *Abbr.* **VC** A Vietnamese belonging to or supporting the National Liberation Front of the nation formerly named South Vietnam. *adj.* Of or relating to the Vietcong. [Vietnamese, short for *Cong San Viet Nam*, Vietnamese Communist.]

Vi•et•minh also **Viet Minh** (vē-ēt'mīn', vyēt'-, vē'it-) *n., pl.* **Vietminh** also **Viet Minh** A member of the Vietnamese political and military movement that challenged the Japanese and defeated the French between 1941 and 1954. *adj.* Of or relating to the Vietminh. [Vietnamese, short for *Viet Nam Doc Lap Dong Minh Hoi*, Vietnam Federation of Independence.]

Vi•et•nam (vē-ēt'nām', -nām', vē'it-, vyēt'-) A country of southeast Asia in eastern Indochina on the South China Sea. It comprises the historical regions of Tonkin, Annam, and Cochinchina, much of which was under Chinese control from the 3rd century B.C. to the 15th century A.D. Portuguese traders arrived in 1535, and the area came under French influence in the mid-19th century as part of French Indochina. After the fall of the French garrison at Dien Bien Phu in 1954, it was partitioned into North Vietnam and South Vietnam. The Vietnam War (1954–1975) grew out of the attempt by Communist Vietcong guerrillas backed by North Vietnam to overthrow the U.S.-supported regime in the south. The South Vietnamese government collapsed in 1975, and the country was reunited in 1976. Hanoi is the capital and Ho Chi Minh City the largest city. Population: 72,510,000.

Vi•et•nam•ese (vē-ēt'nā-mēz', -mēs', vē'it-, vyēt'-) *adj.* Of or relating to Vietnam or its people, language, or culture. *n., pl.* **Vietnamese** 1. A native or inhabitant of Vietnam. 2. The language of the largest ethnic group in Vietnam and the official language of the nation.

Vi•et•nam•i•za•tion (vē-ēt'nā-mi-zā'shən, vyēt'-, vē'it-) *n.* During the Vietnam War, the U.S. program of turning over to the South Vietnamese government responsibility for waging the conflict, in order

the Communist forces of North Vietnam supported by China and the Soviet Union and the non-Communist forces of South Vietnam supported by the United States.

view (vyū) *n.* 1a. An examination or inspection: *used binoculars to get a better view.* b. A sight; a look. 2. A systematic survey; coverage: *a view of Romantic poetry.* 3. An individual and personal perception, judgment, or interpretation; an opinion: *In his view, aid to the rebels should be suspended.* See synonyms at **opinion**. 4. Field of vision: *The aircraft has disappeared from view.* 5. A scene or vista: *the view from the tower.* 6. A picture of a landscape: *a view of Paris, done in oils.* 7. A way of showing or seeing something, as from a particular position or angle: *a side view of the house.* 8. Something kept in sight as an aim or intention: *"The pitch of the roof had been calculated with a view to the heavy seasonal rains"* (Caroline Alexander). 9. Expectation; chance: *The measure has no view of success.* *tr.v.* **viewed, view•ing, views** 1. To look at; watch: *view an exhibit of etchings.* 2a. To examine or inspect: *viewed the house they were thinking of buying.* b. To survey or study mentally; consider. 3. To think of in a particular way; regard: *doesn't view herself as a success; viewed their efforts unfavorably.* See synonyms at **see**. —**Idioms:** in **view** of Taking into account; in consideration of. **on view** Placed so as to be seen; exhibited. [Middle English *veve*, from Anglo-Norman, from feminine past participle of *veoir*, to see, from Latin *videre*. See **weid-** in Appendix I.] —**view•a•ble** *adj.*

view•da•ta (vyū'dā'tə, -dāt'ə, -dāt'ə) *n.* An interactive videotex system in which information can be retrieved or transmitted.

view•er (vyū'ər) *n.* 1. One that views, especially an onlooker or spectator. 2. Any of various optical devices used to facilitate the viewing of photographic transparencies by illuminating or magnifying them. 3. A person who watches television or movies: *viewers of prime-time shows; viewers of action movies.*

view•er•ship (vyū'ər-shīp') *n.* The people who watch a television program or motion picture: *a largely male viewership.*

view•find•er (vyū'fin'dər) *n.* A device on a camera that indicates, either optically or electronically, what will appear in the field of view of the lens.

view hal•loo (vyū' hā-lū) *n.* A strident call given during a fox hunt to indicate that the fox has been seen breaking cover.

♦ **view•ing** (vyū'ing) *n.* 1. The act of seeing, watching, or examining. 2. The act or an instance of watching a movie or television. 3. *Pennsylvania* See **wake** (sense 2). *adj.* Engaged in watching a movie or television: *a poll of the viewing audience.*

view•less (vyū'lis) *adj.* 1. Providing no view. 2. Not having or expressing opinions or views. —**view/less•ly** *adv.*

view•point (vyū'pōint') *n.* A position from which something is observed or considered; a point of view.

view•y (vyū'ē) *adj.* -i•er, -i•est 1. Exhibiting extravagant or visionary opinions. 2. Conspicuous or striking; showy.

♦ **vi•ga** (vē'gə) *n.* *Southwestern U.S.* A rafter or roofbeam, especially a trimmed and peeled tree trunk whose end projects from an outside adobe wall. [American Spanish, from Spanish, perhaps from Latin *biga*, team of horses, cart (from the long pole between the two horses). See **yeug-** in Appendix I.]

Vi•gée•Le•brun (vē-zhā'la-brən'), (Marie Louise) Élisabeth 1755–1842. French painter noted for her portraits, especially those of Marie Antoinette and the royal family.

vi•ges•i•mal (vi-jēs'ə-məl) *adj.* 1. Twentieth. 2. Proceeding or occurring in intervals of 20. 3. Based on or relating to 20. [From Latin *vigēsīmus*, variant of *vicesīmus*, twentieth, from *viginti*, twenty. See **wikṁti** in Appendix I.]

vi•gi•a (vi-jē'ə, -hē'ə) *n.* A warning on a navigational chart indicating a possible rock, shoal, or other hazard, the exact position of which is unknown. [Spanish *vigia*, from Portuguese *vigia*, from *vigiar*, to look out, from Latin *vigilāre*. See **VIGILANTE**.]

vi•gil (vij'əl) *n.* 1a. A watch kept during normal sleeping hours. b. The act or a period of observing; surveillance. 2. The eve of a religious festival observed by staying awake as a devotional exercise. 3. Ritual devotions observed on the eve of a holy day. Often used in the plural. [Middle English *vigile*, a devotional watching, from Old French, from Latin *vigilia*, wakefulness, watch, from *vigil*, awake. See **weg-** in Appendix I.]

vi•gi•lance (vij'ə-ləns) *n.* Alert watchfulness.

vigilance committee *n.* A volunteer group of citizens that without authority assumes powers such as pursuing and punishing those suspected of being criminals or offenders.

vi•gi•lant (vij'ə-lənt) *adj.* On the alert; watchful. See synonyms at **aware**. [Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *vigilans*, *vigilant-*, present participle of *vigilāre*, to be watchful. See **VIGILANTE**.] —**vig'•i•lant•ly** *adv.*

vi•gi•lan•te (vij'ə-lāntē) *n.* 1. One who takes or advocates the taking of law enforcement into one's own hands. 2. A member of a vigilance committee. (Spanish, watchman, vigilante, from Latin *vigilans*, *vigilant-*, present participle of *vigilāre*, to be watchful, from *vigil*, watchful. See **weg-** in Appendix I.) —**vi•gi•lan•tism** (-lānt'iz-əm), **vi•gi•lan•t•eism** (-tē-iz'əm) *n.*

vigil light *n.* 1. A small candle kept burning in the chancel of Christian churches to symbolize the presence of the Holy Sacrament; an altar light. 2. A candle lighted by a worshiper for a special devotional purpose.



Vietnam



Élisabeth Vigée-Lebrun
Self-portrait in Straw Hat,
1782