

Chapter 1 - The Road to Revolution

I. Imperial Encounters

1. Who was the earliest and most persistent foreign power to play a role in Vietnam and what was the first time that they conquered the Viet ethnic group?
2. When and where was the decisive moment when Dai Viet were able to oust their earliest colonial powers for lasting Vietnamese independence and how did they do it?
3. When was Vietnam split during a civil war and what rival families took control of the 2 parts of Vietnam?
4. What 2 reasons did France have for wanting to colonize Vietnam and its neighbors?
5. Due to colonization, Vietnam became the world's top exporter of what, this forced a majority of peasants to become what and they did what for who?

II. The Rise of Vietnamese Nationalism

1. Where did a new generation of nationalists look for inspiration, what were the first 2 nationalist organizations to be created and what 2 things eventually led to their downfalls?
2. After WWI, Ho Chi Minh traveled to Paris to ask for demands from the world powers about Vietnam, what were his demands and what was the outcome?
3. After his failures in Paris, Ho found a new set of guides for his fight against colonialism, what was it from, what steps did the person call for revolution in a peasant society and the 2 stages that was needed?
4. What were the 2 sides of the mixed experience he had while in Moscow?
5. What was the name of Vietnam's first communist-oriented body, what new organization grew in power in 1930 in Vietnam?

III. War and Revolution

1. Why did the Soviet government revert to its policy of promoting alliances between communist and noncommunist countries?
2. How did many Vietnamese feel about the takeover by the Japanese and what was the one silver lining they saw in the Japanese occupation?
3. What was the name of Ho Chi Minh's new political party, what were they better known as and how did they hope to gain support from the large Vietnamese population?
4. How did the overthrow of the French administration in Indochina help the Viet Minh and what did they do to help win over the public?

5. When did Ho Chi Minh declare Vietnam's independence?