

Digital Resources for Teaching the Vietnam War

The subject of this database has its origins in *World History Connected's* 21-year interest in offering opportunities for research and teaching in world history; the Vietnamese people and the related “Vietnam War,” known as the American War in Vietnam, and known by scholars as the Second Indochina War, a title that best reflects its regional and international dimensions. The Guest Editors of this issue’s Forum turned to me as its longstanding Digital Editor and database builder for the necessary support of teaching this subject, one in which I have two deep interests, my own teaching of the war and the other from a family interest, which has led me to dedicate this database in memory of my brother, a US Army veteran of that war, Keith A. Maunu (1970-71), one of the many millions of individuals and families touched by the war in Indochina, the United States, and the wider world.

Author’s note: The following digital resources have been chosen for their stability, but others, such as exhibits, may no longer be available. In most cases, the solution for a site that appears to be non-working link is to load the title or topics or author of the item sought into a search engine to find that link at another address or locate an alternate. This is particularly true of the many Vietnam-related articles at *World History Connected*. Its archive of articles (from 2002 through to 2021) is currently being transferred from its original home at <https://worldhistoryconnected.press.uillinois.edu> to its new home at George Mason University at <https://journals.gmu.edu/whc>. This process is necessarily a bit slow as each HTML article must be reformatted for a new system, but it is ongoing; so that readers may find the desired article already installed at the new site, as all will be by the end of the year.

Preview of Contents (All Useful Search Terms!)

In keeping with past *World History Connected* databases, this effort opens with a section devoted to “*A Short List of Foundational/ Fundamental Resources for Teaching the Wars in Indochina in World History.*”

It then turns to the Main section organized into these categories: Vietnam’s early history and the influence of China from ancient colonialism to the present day; French Imperialism/colonialism; the Japanese occupation of Vietnam during the Second World War; the involvement of Soviet Union and other non-US nations involvement in the American War in Vietnam (including Japan, Korea and Australia; the “Domino” and “Containment” theories; and comparisons between the American War in Vietnam and American involvement conflicts in Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan. These resources are followed by a largely U.S. topic-driven treatment of the American War in Vietnam the War in Vietnam/ Second Indochina War. These include the role and/or impact of the conflict of American communities (Asian, Arab and Muslim, Black, Jewish, and Chicano/Latinos); Vietnam War-related Museums; a sampling of Vietnam War poetry; Vietnam War-related art and artists, music/Film; Gender/Women in the Vietnam War; Gay Rights and homosexuality during Vietnam War; Anti-Vietnam War protests; the “Homefront” in Vietnam as well as the United States; the Vietnamese Environmental and other effects/aftermath of the war. The database concludes with sections devoted to Lesson plans/modules, Teaching Syllabi, Guides, such as using *The Ugly American* and *The Quiet American* novels and other resources for teaching.

A Short List of Foundational/Fundamental Resources for Teaching the Wars in Indochina in World History

This section begins with the most recent online article on teaching the wars in Indochina, Bram Hubbell, “Goodbye Vietnam, Good Morning Indochina: Teaching the Indochina Wars in American World History Classrooms,” with text infused with links, key images, and maps and posters (see below) and concludes with 3 foundational works each by Marc Jason Gilbert, and Craig A. Lockard, historians of both Southeast Asia and World History who have been recognized as “Pioneers in World History” by the World History Association (WHA). They wrote the first articles for WHA affiliated journals on taking a transnational or world history approach to this subject provided below. They have volunteered to assist teachers in using or obtaining free copies of their publications below if digital versions of their work are unavailable by virtue of cost or other issues. For such assistance, contact hallgilbert@earthlink.net and/or lockhardc@uwgb.edu.

This section also identifies four indispensable examples of free key resources: accessible short **Document Collections**, **Document Based Questions and Lesson Plans**, an **Oral History Collection**, **Map Collections** and **Bibliographies**, as a sample for what can be found in the Main section.

Foundational/Fundamental Teaching Resources online

<https://www.pbs.org/vietnampassage/Teacher/>

Vietnam Passage is perhaps the best short entry point to teaching grades 9-12. An impressive site which upon opening it appears to be a teacher's guide to be used along with the Public Broadcasting System's 1983 series "The Vietnam War: A Television History" (See below in this section under Documentaries), including approaches to Pre-viewing the film, discussion and quiz, and Post-viewing discussion of the film. However, its true value is its offering standalone explicit examples of "how to do" Oral history projects, Oral reports, Geography projects, Class debates; Essay topics: Research paper topics; a short but reliable Bibliography and Filmography. The Oral History activities section can be supplemented by the related *Vietnam: A Television History Interviews Collection* <https://americanarchive.org/> (see also below) which includes 277 audio and video interviews used in the 1983 series of the same name produced by WGBH that teachers can choose from for use in their classrooms.

[Bram Hubbell, "Goodbye Vietnam, Good Morning Indochina: Teaching the Indochina Wars in American World History Classrooms,"](#) which, as above, addresses the meaning and impact of the terms used to describe this subject, and the wars' relationship to decolonization, the Cold War, impact on women and other major topic using images and links in the text, with most topics addressing Southeast Asians' experience of the wars, as well as the American experience using literature, other teaching materials.

[\(99+\) Vietnam in global context \(1920-1968\): looking through the lens of three historical figures | Susann Pham - Academia.edu](#)

Anh-Susann Pham Thi, "Vietnam in global context (1920-1968): looking through the lens of three historical figures," *Global Intellectual History*, 2019, 23 pages. Anti-colonial resistance in Vietnam in context of three colonial struggles led by Martin Luther King, Jr., Ernesto 'Che' Guevara, and Rabindranath Tagore. Downloadable PDF.

<https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/making-meaning-may-4/sample-teaching-plans-us-vietnam-war>

Whereas most links to the War in Vietnam focus on what is known as the "military half" of the war, this site, built by Kent State University, where on May 4, 1970, a detachment of National Guardsmen opened fire on students to fatal effect, offers lesson plans of the intersection of the war and US Democracy and First Amendment; the overall US effort in Vietnam; the Student Antiwar Movement; Civil Rights and the Black Student Movement; Context of the Long Sixties and US History; The Human Side of History Culture, Arts and Literature; the Legal Aftermath of May 4; Differences in How Events Are Portrayed Finding One's Voice; Taking Action Today.

[Cold War America Lesson #4: The Vietnam War \(1945-1975\)](#)

PDF. A California History-Social Science Project, <https://chssp.ucdavis.edu>. While many historians take care to remind students that this conflict roots lay earlier than the Cold War, this site offers an excellent lesson why it is nonetheless deeply influence the Cold War. Its great strength is that each lesson is described along with an integrated suggested time to devote each section of the lesson. Major Topics: are: Origins of the Vietnam War, the Tonkin Gulf & Escalation, A War of Attrition, What did the United States lose in Vietnam?; The War's Legacies; Anti-War Movement; End of the War. 71 pages

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/vietnam-war-9780313277405/>

Marc Jason Gilbert, (ed), *The Vietnam War: Teaching Approaches and Resources* (Greenwood Press, 1991) and be obtained free by writing to hallgilbert@earthlink.net. Though published in 1991, it is still in print and recent reviewers praise the book's chapters, written by foremost scholars and teachers who address topics ranging from interpretive stances to student active learning (see the description of topics covered and a Table of Contents at this site). Also available free by request are Gilbert's other Vietnam in world history-related works, chapters, books and articles, such as *The Vietnam War on Campus: Other Voices, More Distant Drums*; *Why the North Won the Vietnam War*; and "*The Global Dimensions of a Brushfire War*."

https://worldhistoryconnected.press.uillinois.edu/2.2/gilbert_I.html

Marc Jason Gilbert, "Paper Trails: Connecting Viet Nam and World History Through Documents, Film, Literature and Photographs." *World History Connected*, Vol. 2, no. 2 (May 2005) and available from the author on request at hallgilbert@earthlink.net. This article fulfills the promise of the title with **free images** accompanied by brief analyses of Vietnamese cultural and economic and political life. Many of the images taken during many his trips to Cambodia and Vietnam and used by him while leading teaching world history workshops for high school and university faculty in those countries. It is displayed in three short parts: an overview of Vietnam in World History, a topical analysis of women at war; Ho Chi Minh in global perspective; and a discussion of "Vietnam" as a term in world history, as a country; and a war with local, international, dimensions and global impact. It also discusses document approaches to teaching Vietnamese anti-Colonialism and Nationalism using document-based approaches, teachers can replicate by drawing on free or low cost sources, including Alfred J. Andrea and James H. Overfield, *The Human Record, Volume II, Since 1500* (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin), now available free online at <https://z-lib.io/book/16965030>, and also for as little as \$6.00 across the internet, with any year or edition of equal value. Similar documents are also available **free** upon request from Gilbert at hallgilbert@earthlink.net.

<https://worldhistoryconnected.press.uillinois.edu/4.3/gilbert.html>

Marc Jason Gilbert, “When Heroism is Not Enough: Three Women Warriors of Vietnam, Their Historians and World History.” Designed to address women warriors in Vietnamese history as they encounter patriarchal and ideological change over time and how their lives can be compared with conditions of female warriors in the US and elsewhere. Provides insight into the Hai Bà Trưng (two Sisters Trưng) one of the very few widely recognized Vietnamese women in world history as illustrating world historical processes from the birth of Vietnam to the present. This article can also be provided **free** by writing to hallgilbert@earthlink.net.

<https://uhpress.hawaii.edu/journal-of-world-history-vol-5-no-2-1994-open-access/>

Craig A. Lockard’s “Meeting Yesterday Head-on: The Vietnam War in Vietnamese, American, and World History,” was the first *Journal of World History* article to address the American-Vietnamese War, which that journal believed “can best be analyzed in the context of three distinct entities: Vietnam, the United States, and the larger world.” Here Lockard places the war “as episode in the larger history of each of these entities driven by a confluence of factors that were deeply rooted in these histories. The first is Vietnam’s revolutionary tradition and centuries-long struggle for national independence. Second is U.S. foreign policy, driven by the Cold War but chronically outward-thrusting. Third is a global context of anticolonial, anti-imperialist, and socially transformational revolutions in the twentieth century.”

<https://worldhistoryconnected.press.uillinois.edu/5.1/lockard.html>

Craig A. Lockard, *Southeast Asia in World History* reminds us that In the Anglo-American view of world history, “Asia” has meant essentially China and India, with perhaps a brief nod to Japan.” When Southeast Asia finally appeared in a few brief paragraphs in world history texts it was usually in the context of Western exploration, colonialism, nationalism, decolonization, Cold War global rivalries, and the U.S. war in Vietnam. Lockard addresses the major concepts relevant to connecting Southeast Asia to world history are: borrowing and adaptation, migration and mixing, the diffusion of religions, maritime trade, the expansion of Dar al-Islam, Western expansion and colonialism (including the Vietnam War) and the rise of the global system.

<https://worldhistoryconnected.press.uillinois.edu/9.1/lockard.html>

Craig A. Lockard, "Meeting Yesterday Head-on: The Vietnam War in Vietnamese, American, and World History -) *Journal of World History*, 5-2 (Fall 1994), 227-270. [Free Download PDF \(silو.tips\)](#)

Craig A. Lockard, "Southeast Asia in World History," *World History Connected*, Vol. 5, no. 1, October 2007. A comprehensive survey of world historical processes at work in the region, including Vietnam, and as it was published in *World History Connected*, it is written based on the best and with teachers in mind.

[\(99+\) Vietnam in global context \(1920-1968\): looking through the lens of three historical figures | Susann Pham - Academia.edu.](#)

Craig A. Lockard, [Southeast Asia in World History \(Oxford University Press, 2009; | Goodreads](#)

This relatively brief book was among the first in a series of accessibly written world histories. Meaning they are brisk, sound good readings— Looks like a textbook, but reads as the sort of book you might keep with you as you travel in the region.

Document Collections for the Classroom

<https://origin-rh.web.fordham.edu/Halsall/eastasia/eastasiasbook>

The Internet East Asian History Sourcebook, edited by Paul Halsall is part of a much larger and justly famed Internet History digital sourcebook. Scroll down to a single “Vietnam, General Sources” reference and a click opens a host of documents on the early History of Vietnam, then scroll down further to a major category, “Other Asian Countries,” then down to Vietnam where you will find a feast of these fundamental links and document, such as: [Vietnam War Documents and Links](#); [Documents Relating to American Foreign Policy--Vietnam](#); [Ho Chi Minh \(1890-1968\)](#); [Program for Communist of Indochina, 1930](#), excerpts; [Vietnamese Declaration of Independence, 1945](#); Charles de Gaulle: [France's Attitude Toward US Policy in Vietnam, 1964](#); [The Tonkin Bay Resolution, 1964](#); [Tonkin Gulf Incident, 1964](#); Lyndon Johnson and Ho Chi Minh: [Letter Exchange](#); John Kerry, for Vietnam Veterans Against the War: [Statement to the Senate Committee of Foreign Relations, 1971](#).

[Vietnam; history, documents, and opinions on a major world crisis : Gettleman, Marvin E., ed : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#)

Marvin E. Gettleman, ed., "*Vietnam: history, documents, and opinions on a major world crisis*," Fawcett Crest Book, 1965, 452 pages, digitized in Internet Archives, 2010.

<https://z-lib.io/book/16965030> and Amazon.com

The teacher-friendly world history reader, mentioned above, by Alfred J. Andrea and James H. Overfield, *The Human Record, Volume II, Since 1500* (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin, 1998) is now available free online at <https://z-lib.io/book/16965030>, and also for as little as \$6.00 across the Internet, with any year or edition having the same value

in terms of providing a teacher with rich documents backed by questions for student analysis. concluding with a discussion of “Vietnam” as a term in world history, as a country and a war with international dimensions and global impact. Includes moving testimony of early anti-colonial Vietnamese.

Lesson Plans and Document based Questions (DBQs)

[Document-Based Activities on the Vietnam War](#)

PDF. From socialstudies.com, Offers Teacher’s Introduction to the material, a teacher’s page and student worksheet for 5 DBQs activities, and a “culminating” exercise.

[The Vietnam War: A Document-Based Question - TeachRock](#)

"The Vietnam War: A Document-Based Question," from Teach Rock. Scroll down page to see 4 other Teach Rock lessons, such as Roots of Heavy Metal music and 1960's impact of Anti-War music seen here: [The Roots of Heavy Metal - TeachRock](#) & [The Impact of 1960s Antiwar Music - TeachRock](#)

[Teaching the Vietnam War: Beyond the Headlines - Zinn Education Project \(zinnedproject.org\)](#)

Lessons. "Teaching the Vietnam War: Beyond the Headlines," offers a 100-page printable teaching guide with resources and 8 lessons.

[Handout-1-The-HIPPO-Technique-for-Analyzing-Documents.pdf](#)

([teachrock.wpenginepowered.com](https://teachrock.org))

<https://teachrock.org>

PDF. Requires registration but contents are free Handout 1. Vietnam War DBQ, Teach Rock. Handout-1-Vietnam-War-Document-Based-Question. Question: In what ways and to what extent did the Vietnam War change American culture, society and values? Document A: Excerpt from “Ballad of the Green Beret,” 5 pages.

[Handout-2-The-HIPPO-Technique-for-Analyzing-Documents.pdf](#)

([teachrock.wpenginepowered.com](https://teachrock.org)) Handout PDF. The HIPPO (sourcing) Listing of Technique for Analyzing Documents from Teach Rock.

[The Vietnam War: A Document-Based Question - TeachRock](#)

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[Teaching the Vietnam War: Beyond the Headlines - Zinn Education Project \(zinnedproject.org\)](https://zinnedproject.org)

<https://thinktv.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/teaching-the-vietnam-war/t/ken-burns-the-vietnam-war/>

[The Vietnam War: A Document-Based Question - TeachRock](#)

"The Vietnam War: A Document-Based Question," from Teach Rock. Scroll down page to see 4 other Teach Rock lessons, such as Roots of Heavy Metal music and 1960's impact of Anti-War music seen here: [The Roots of Heavy Metal - TeachRock](#) & [The Impact of 1960s Antiwar Music - TeachRock](#)

An Oral History Collection

<https://americanarchive.org>

Vietnam: A Television History Interviews Collection from the American Archive of Public Broadcasting. Site offers free access to 277 audio and video interviews featured in the Public Broadcasting Corporations *Vietnam: A Television History* (1983) produced by WGBH Boston. This Collection is a great resource, as teachers can select the Interview the testimony wish to use in class.

Documentaries

Several films and videos are cited in this database. The best are the two produced by the Public Broadcasting Corporation. The older one, *The Vietnam War: A Television History* (1983) at <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/vietnam/> is one of the best histories of the war and its episodes most closely track the historical narratives found in teaching materials. It employs interviews that fairly express many Vietnamese perspectives and offers extensive Vietnam and international voices. The other, *The Vietnam War* (2017) directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novack, <https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-vietnam-war/>, is “not a history,” but an American-centered reflection upon the war, with most voices sharing the same perspective. Many of its best elements are drawn from the 1983 film. Both have educational materials well worth exploring.

Map Collections

Search “Vietnam War maps pdf” for a Descriptive List of links on the Internet also

<https://libguides.nps.edu/vietnamwar/map>

https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/history_and_legacy/map_of_vietnam/

Expandable Military Map of Vietnam “highlighting Highlights some of the United States (U.S.) military command posts, and routes used by U.S. troops and Vietnamese Communists during the War.”

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/browse?search=vietnam%20map>

Very inexpensive classroom activities with maps.

[The Vietnam Conflict--Maps](#)

Naval Postgraduate School, Knox Dudley Library

<https://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/resources/maps/>

Texas Tech Vietnam Archive Map Collection

Bibliographies

<https://lithub.com/the-vietnam-war-50-years-on-a-reading-list>

George Black, "The Vietnam War, 50 Years On: A Reading List," Literary Hub, April 28, 2023. Black looks at a select group of authors who have authored accessible books, many of which are bestsellers and are dependable in that they are evidenced-based studies (of which you may still disagree; they do! Free download at <https://edmoise.sites.clemson.edu/bibliography.html>. Ed Moïse, from Clemson University, provides a bibliography of more than 4000 items, on the Vietnam War and related issues. Direct links to many documents available. Long the standard, still indispensable.

<https://www.bloomsburycollections.com/encyclopedia?docid=b-9798216032243>

Literally a short catalog ranging across all topics. You will find it in many library reference sections. Downloadable since 2013. An ABC-Clio publication by subscription. As your librarian to purchase it as it provides many sources for Vietnam-related topics to offer students as a basis for their research.

Main Database (by subjects listed above)

Early Vietnam and the influence of China from ancient colonialism to the present day

<https://truyenkieuinenglish.wordpress.com/2013/11/17/the-tale-of-kieu/>

Nguyen Du, *The Tale of Kieu*, best translated by Huynh Sanh Thong (New Haven, 1967) is a story of two lovers facing war and seeking peace and reconciliation that lies at the heart of traditional Vietnamese society. This free and extremely accessible online translation by Phan Huy calls to us: “Let us not blame heaven for our destiny. The nature of goodness [and thus our salvation] derives from our heart.”

<https://thuvienhoasen.org/a40959/chinh-phu-ngam-lament-song-of-a-soldier-s-wife-poem-by-dang-tran-con-doan-thi-diem-english-translation-by-vuong-thanh>

P. T. Nguyen and P. S. Campbell, *From Rice Paddies to Temple Yards* (Danbury, Connecticut: World Music Press, 1990) which offers materials suitable for any world history course. It includes an audiotape that is keyed to lessons introducing Vietnamese music and features a classic of Vietnamese literature, "Song of a Soldier's Wife," (Chinh Phu Ngâm Diên Ca) set to music. This site offers an English translation of this ancient, yet still beloved, work as it offers a universal reflection on soldiers gone to war and on women left behind to man the home front.

[\(99+\) 2018 Etextbook Chapter: "Early Vietnam" | Hieu Phung - Academia.edu](#)

Hieu Phung, "2018 Etextbook Chapter: Early Vietnam," uploaded to *Academia* by Hieu Phung, 10 pages. Three periods of Vietnamese history to 1400 CE. See especially 1000 years of Chinese rule.

<https://worldhistoryconnected.press.uillinois.edu/4.3/gilbert.html>

Marc Jason Gilbert, "When Heroism is Not Enough: Three Women Warriors of Vietnam, Their Historians and World History." Designed to address women warriors in Vietnamese history as they encounter patriarchal and ideological change over time and how their lives can be compared with conditions of female warriors in the US and elsewhere. Provides insight into the Hai Bà Trưng (two Sisters Trưng) one of the very few widely recognized Vietnamese women in world history as illustrating world historical processes from the birth of Vietnam to the present. This article can also be provided **free** by writing to hallgilbert@earthlink.net.

[Trung Sisters Of Vietnam: National Heroines That Stood Against Cruel Chinese Occupation Of Their Country - Ancient Pages](#)

A. Sutherland, "Trung Sisters of Vietnam: National Heroines That Stood Against Cruel Chinese Occupation of Their Country," *Ancient Pages*, April 29, 2019. 40 CE.

[\(99+\) Viet Nam as the Chinese found it.pdf | Stephen O'Harrow - Academia.edu](#)

Stephen O'Harrow, "From Co-loa to the Trung Sisters' Revolt - Viet Nam as the Chinese found it," *Asian Perspectives*, XXII, no. 2, 1979, 140-164. See more on China in Southeast Asia to right of page.

[Mongolian Invasion of Vietnam | World History](#)

"Mongolian Invasion of Vietnam," *World History*, US, May 21, 2017. 1225, 1257, 1287, and 1289 saw Chinese interventions in Vietnam.

[\(15\) From Moral Exemplar to National Hero: The Transformations of Trần Hưng Đạo and the Emergence of Vietnamese Nationalism | Liam C Kelley - Academia.edu](#)

Liam C. Kelly, "From Moral Exemplar to National Hero: The Transformation of Tran Hung Dao and the Emergence of Vietnamese Nationalism," *Modern Asian Studies*, Vol. 49, no. 6, 2015, 1963-1993. Change over time as to representation of Vietnamese military hero Tran Hung Dao (1228-1300) who fought off Mongol invasions of Vietnam in 13th century. See more resources on Vietnam history to right of page.

[Kublai Khan vs. Vietnam: The Battle of Bach Dang River \(1288 CE\) \(medievalreporter.com\)](#)

Simon Duits, "So... Did the Mongols Manage To Conquer 'Nam?'" *Medieval Reporter*, November 28, 2022. Kublai Khan vs. Vietnam: The Battle of Bach Dang River (1288 CE).

[\(99+\) 1998 - "Surface Orientations in Vietnam: Beyond Histories of Nation and Region," Journal of Asian Studies 57, 5 \(November 1998\): 949-978 | Keith W. Taylor - Academia.edu](#)

Keith W. Taylor, "Surface Orientations in Vietnam: Beyond Histories of Nation and Region," *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 57, no. 4, November 1998, 949-978. Paper by noted SE Asian historian strayed from history into a people's (Vietnamese) relationship to their land, terrain and north-south binary in context of Vietnam-China relationship/context. See resources on this region to right of page.

[Bing Videos](#)

20:02 animated video. "How Vietnam Defended Against the Mongols," *Animated Medieval History*, published on *YouTube*, 2023.

[The anti-piracy activities of the Nguyen Dynasty in the South China Sea, 1802–1858 - Nguyen Thi My Hanh, 2019 \(sagepub.com\)](#)

Nguyen Thi My Hanh, "The anti-piracy activities of the Nguyen Dynasty in the South China Sea, 1802-1858," *International Journal of Maritime History*, Vol. 31, Issue 1, February 21, 2019. Note Qing China and Nguyen Vietnamese states working against piracy in the region.

[Lin on Li, 'The Dragon in the Jungle: The Chinese Army in the Vietnam War' | H-Net](#)

Book review. Mao Lin, "Lin on Li, *The Dragon in the Jungle: The Chinese Army in the Vietnam War*," *H-Diplo*, *H-Net Reviews*, January 2022. Review of Xiaobing Li, *The Dragon in the Jungle*, NY: Oxford University Press, 2020, 320 pages.

[China Admits Combat in Vietnam War- The Washington Post](#)

"China Admits Combat in Vietnam War," *The Washington Post*, May 17, 1989.

[Did China Colonize Vietnam? – The Diplomat](#)

Christelle Nguyen, "Did China Colonize Vietnam?" *The Diplomat*, August 24, 2023.

[Vietnam and China: Conflicting neighbors stuck in nationalism and memory \(harvard.edu\)](#)

Nghia L. Nguyen, "Vietnam and China: Conflicting neighbors stuck in nationalism and memory," *Harvard International Review*, May 3, 2023.

[Chinese Involvement in The Vietnam War 1950-1975 – Modern Military History](#)

Andrew Wheeler, "Chinese Involvement in The Vietnam War 1950-1975," *Modern Military History*, February 9, 2021.

[Fall of Dong Khe to China Recalls a French Defeat - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

Fox Butterfield, "Fall of Dong Khe to China Recalls a French Defeat," *The New York Times*, March 4, 1979. Vietminh victories in 1950 French Indochina War with help from Chinese communist forces.

[Chinese and Soviet involvement in Vietnam \(alphahistory.com\)](#)

Jennifer Llewellyn, et. al., "Chinese and Soviet involvement in Vietnam," *Alpha History*, June 20, 2019.

[Vietnam and the Sino-Soviet Split, 1960-1965: The View from China | Wilson Center](#)

Mingran Cao and Ruizhe Ding, "Vietnam and the Sino-Soviet Split, 1960-1965: The View from China," *Wilson Center*, April 13, 2020.

[PowerPoint Presentation \(ttu.edu\)](#)

Power Point. Trung T. Nguyen, Ph.D. candidate University of Virginia, "Chinese military advisors in Vietnam in the early 1950's," Texas Tech University. accessed January 29, 2024. 27-page power point.

[China Contributed Substantially to Vietnam War Victory, Claims Scholar | Wilson Center](#)

Interview. Tim Dilorio with Chinese historian Qiang Zhai, "China Contributed Substantially to Vietnam War Victory, Claims Scholar," *Wilson Center*, January 1, 2001. Chinese historian discussed his book, *China and the Vietnam War, 1950-1975*.

[China and the Vietnam Wars, 1950-1975 | Qiang Zhai | University of North Carolina Press \(uncpress.org\)](#)

Book ad. Qiang Zhai, *China and the Vietnam Wars, 1950-1975*, University of North Carolina Press, 2000, 320 pages.

[China and the Vietnam Wars, 1950-1975 by Qiang Zhai \(digitalblackboard.io\)](#)

Book review. "China and the Vietnam Wars, 1950-1975 by Qiang Zhai," *Digital Blackboard*, November 10, 2023.

French Imperialism in Vietnam

[A Journey Through Time: The Rise of Catholicism in Vietnam \(thevietnamese.org\)](#)

Lee Nguyen translation of Vo Van Quan in *Luat Khoa* magazine, July 26, 2020, "A Journey Through Time: The Rise of Catholicism in Vietnam," *The Vietnamese*, December 14, 2023.

[Video lectures](#)

43:55 Video lecture. Charles Keith, "French Imperialism, 1871-1914," Yale University, March 18, 2011. Context for French Indochina history.

[\(14\) A Brief Sketch of the Vietnamese Anarchist Movement | Michael Schmidt - Academia.edu](#)

Michael Schmidt, "A Brief Sketch of the Vietnamese Anarchist Movement," excerpts from *In the Shadow of a Hurricane: Global Anarchist Ideological and Organisational Lineages*, 2021, 7 pages. Vietnamese anarchism under French colonialism. See more on this topic to right of page. See more on Michael Schmidt's book below:

[Drinking with Ghosts: African writer Michael Schmidt's works: In the Shadow of a Hurricane: Global Anarchist Ideological and Organisational Lineages](#)

Michael Schmidt, "African writer Michael Schmidt's works: *In the Shadow of a Hurricane: Global Anarchist Ideological and Organisational Lineages*," Drinking with Ghosts blog, April 9, 2017. Note chapter summaries of forthcoming history as to anarchism as resistance to Imperialism and colonialism.

[\(14\) Violence and Vietnamese Anticolonialism | Kevin Pham - Academia.edu](#)

Kevin Pham, "Violence and Vietnamese Anticolonialism," *New Political Science*, Vol. 44, no. 1, 2022, 42-57. French colonial violence in Vietnam and Vietnamese resistance. See more on this topic to right of page.

[\(13\) Vietnam. The birth of Vietnamese political journalism: Saigon 1926–1930. By Philippe M.F. Peycam. New York: Columbia University Press, 2012. Pp. 306, Maps, Notes, Bibliography, Index | Kim Ninh - Academia.edu](#)

Book review. Kim N.B. Ninh, "Vietnam. The birth of Vietnamese political journalism: Saigon 1926-1930, By Philippe M.F. Peycam, New York: Columbia University Press, 2012, in *Journal of Southeast Asia Studies*, Vol. 44, Issue 2, June 2013. Note influence of French colonialism in birth of Vietnamese political journalism. See more on this topic to right of page.

<https://www.academia.edu/1254814/>

[Tracing a Thread of Orientalism through Colonialism and Beyond Presentations of Vietnamese Nationalism by and for Americans?email_work_card=title](#)

Nolan Bensen, "Tracing a Thread of Orientalism through Colonialism and Beyond: Presentations of Vietnamese Nationalism by and for Americans," uploaded to *Academia* by Nolan Bensen, accessed May 31, 2024, 13 pages. Course paper traced the outlandish and essentializing claims of Neil Jamieson in Understanding Vietnam through his sources to the orientalist adventurer, the son of a French colonial administrator in Vietnam, Paul Mus.

https://www.academia.edu/31015623/New_perspectives_on_Dien_Bien_Phu

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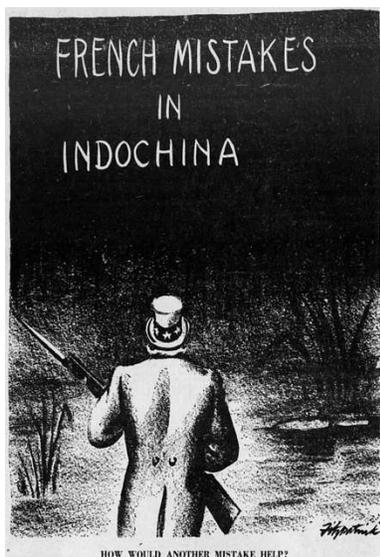
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"It will be a war between an elephant and a tiger. If the tiger ever stands still, the elephant will crush him with his mighty tusks. But the tiger will not stand still...He will leap upon the back of the elephant, tearing huge chunks from his side, and then he will leap back into the dark jungle. And

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Subtitled, "What the Quiet American Teaches Us. I'm not involved... It had been an article of my creed," Thomas Fowler boasts in *The Quiet American*, Graham Greene's magnificent novel of Western embroilment in 1950s Vietnam. Not involved, Fowler insists, in the Indochina conflict; not involved in the murder of young CIA officer Alden Pyle, his romantic rival and sometime friend; not even particularly involved in his own two primary relationships—with wife and mistress. Fowler, a seasoned British journalist stationed in Saigon, takes pride in his neutrality, the only sensible position in a world of imperfect options: the Vietminh, French colonists, Americans, communists, Caodaists, members of Hoa-Hao. "The human condition being what it was," Fowler intones, "let them fight, let them love, let them murder, I would not be involved." *The Quiet American*, one might say, is the quintessential cautionary tale against entanglement.

<https://study.com/academy/lesson/the-quiet-american-discussion-questions.html>

This site is impressive. However to unlock it one must be a Study.com member and can create your own account on this site. Worth looking for material displayed here.

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Teaching notes prepared for VATE members by Jill Barker. *The Quiet American* is set in Vietnam in the early 1950s and covers the time when French colonial rule was coming to an end and American interest and support for the anti-communist forces in Asia was on the rise. Like several of Greene's novels that precede it, it is the result of his personal experiences in that part of the world.

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There have been two movies based on the Graham Greene novel. This is the first, starring real life WWII hero Audie Murphy a popular but not great-skilled one, was made when the early American intervention in Indochina was seen purely in Cold War terms. The result is the motives and actions that are so complex and ambivalent in the novel is reduced a gung-ho adventure story justifying American intervention in Vietnam, so much so, that "Greene was furious that his anti-war message had been excised from the film, and he disavowed it as a "propaganda film for America."

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there is nothing in terms of violence that cannot be seen in an action film today, perhaps. However, Gilbert can testify from experience that the portrayal of how a civilian survivor feels and how he or she sees/processes their environment when rising up out of the rubble of such a bomb attack event is as close as the medium of film can get.

Comparative Classroom Use of The Ugly American and Quiet American films

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