



THE COLD WAR
TOPIC 3: THE COLD WAR IN ASIA: THE VIETNAM WAR

READINGS

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3.1 ANCIENT VIETNAMESE HISTORY

- Inhabited dated back to the Paleolithic times; centred around North Vietnam
- The earliest known Vietnamese people (known as Lac and later Kinh/Viet) adopted wet rice cultivation based on the Red River delta
- Currently form over 86 per cent of the population; 54 recognised ethnic groups in Vietnam

- Conquered by a Chinese general in 207BC to form Nanyue; later submitted to the Chinese Han dynasty
- Forced to assimilate into Chinese civilization; deep impact of Confucianism

- Trung Trac and her sister Trung Nhi defeated the Chinese in 40 AD; killed themselves two years later when the Chinese reinvaded their independent state
- Lady Trieu Thu Trinh revolted against China in 248 AD; also committed suicide



Stele commemorating a 618 AD anti-Chinese revolt

- Ngo Quyen managed to overthrow Chinese rule in the 938 AD; created the Dai Viet kingdom



Ngo Quyen

