

Study Guide for Quiz No. 1
History 3396
Spring 2014

PART I: IDENTIFICATIONS

TWO of THESE will be selected for you to answer. Two points each.

Answers should identify the person, group, place, concept, theory, event, or item in several paragraphs. Answers should include a description as well as an assessment of the significance of the term to this class. In other words, why are we studying it? How is it relevant to the history of Vietnam and the French and American wars? (NOTE: Significance MUST be included in order to receive full credit.) When formulating your answers think in terms of what, who, why, where, when, and how.

Bao Dai
Office of Strategic Services
Vo Nguyen Giap
Red Dust
Dien Bien Phu

Nguyen Ai Quoc
Viet Minh
Henri Navarre
Mandarins
Domino Theory

PART II: ESSAY QUESTION

ONE of THESE will be selected for you to answer. Six points.

These questions are provided in advance so you can prepare yourself as thoroughly as possible to write coherent and detailed essays. The best essays will integrate substantial material from the lectures, films, and the readings and demonstrate your ability to explain the important processes at work. Think in terms of concepts, patterns of behavior, divergent worldviews and perspectives, and the ways that particular historical experiences can help you demonstrate that you understand “what happened.” Be sure to cite relevant facts from the readings (including primary documents we have studied), lectures, and/or films to support your argument. In other words, demonstrate the validity of your point of view; do not merely assert it.

1. Why did the Viet Minh prove more successful than other Vietnamese nationalists in mobilizing popular support for the struggle against French colonialism?
2. Why were many Vietnamese revolutionaries before 1945 hopeful that the United States would support their struggle against France? How did U.S. policies during World War II either reinforce or challenge their sense of hope?
3. Mark Lawrence traces the evolution in U.S. policy (as well as that of France and Britain) between 1945 and 1950. Drawing on his *Assuming the Burden*, explain how the United States reconciled its support for the idea of Vietnamese self-determination with its eventual support for French imperialism in Vietnam.