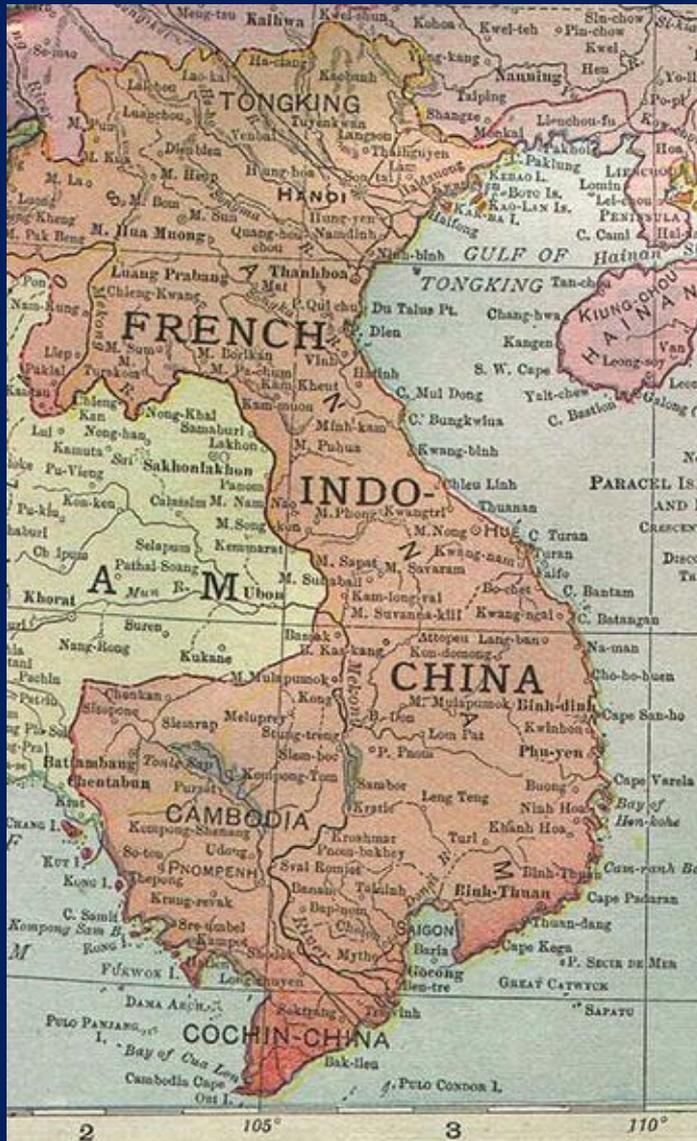


Postage Stamps as Political Statements in Indochina 1888 - Present



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Brief History Timeline

1889-1946: INDOCHINA: FRENCH POSSESSION ON THE CAMBODIAN PENINSULA IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BORDERING ON THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND GULF OF SIAM. WAS A FRENCH COLONY AND PROTECTORATE. CAPITAL HANOI

1940-45: JAPANESE OCCUPATION BUT FRENCH ALLOWED TO RUN COUNTRY

1945: EMPEROR BAO DAI PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENCE WHICH INCLUDED PROTECTORATES OF TONKIN, ANNAM AND COCHIN-CHINA. HE ABDICATED TO VIET MINH

1946-46: VIET MINH OVERPRINTS OF FRENCH INDOCHINA STAMPS. COMMUNIST PARTISANS FIGHTING THE JAPANESE IN WWII AND FRENCH 1945-54. DIRECTED BY HO CHI MINH FROM JUNGLES

1947-49: FRENCH & HO GOVERNMENT

1949: ASSOCIATED STATE FRENCH UNION

1951-54: BAO DAI EMPEROR UNDER FRENCH CONTROL

1954: COMMUNIST VIET MINH TOOK CONTROL OF NORTH VIETNAM WITH CAPITAL IN HANOI. FRENCH ARE DEFEATED AT DIEN BIEN PHU

1955: REPUBLIC SOUTH VIETNAM ESTABLISHED PRES. NGO DINH DIEM WITH CAPITOL IN SAIGON

1958-75: NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AKA VIET CONG

1975: SOUTH & NORTH UNIFIED WITH CAPITAL IN HANOI

Indochina 1892 - 1936

1892



Possessions Cambodian Peninsula (Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia)

1927



Founding of Saigon 1696

1936



Emperor Bao-Dai. Head of state 1954 deposed

1936



King Monivong - Cambodia

Indochina 1937 -

1937



Gov. Gen. Doumer. Indochina 1897 - 1902

1939



New York World's Fair

1943



Alexander Yersin (Bubonic plague)

Viet Minh 1945

1945



Bao Dai Defaced (Ok Japan)

1945



Marshall Petain (French head of state – 1940)

1945



De Lagree (Head Mekong Expedition – 1866)

1946



Empress Phuong – Married to King Annam 1934

Viet Minh 1946

1946



National Defense

1946



de Behaine - Missionary (1741 – 1799)

1946



Ho Chi Min – President NVN

National Liberation Front 1963 (Vietnamese communist)

1963



Shooting down US helicopter

1963



Attacking strategic village

1965



Bien Hoa Airfield

1967



VC on US tank

National Liberation Front 1968

1968



Guerrilla – Struggle for freedom

1968



Bazooka attack

1970



10th anniversary NLF

1971



Defending a village

Stamps continue until 1976

South Vietnam 1951

1951



Emperor Bao - Dai

1955



Refugees raft

1957



Constitution 2nd anniversary

1959



Agrarian Reform

South Vietnam 1959

1959



Map of North and South Vietnam

1959



Boy Scouts Jamboree

1960



Refugee family

1960



5th Anniversary of Republic

South Vietnam 1961

1961



President Diem (1st President SVN)

1962



Strategic village defense

1963



Common defense

1964



10th Anniversary Div. North and South Vietnam

South Vietnam 1966

1966



Refugees

1967



National Day elections

1968



SEATO UN Allies

1969



Pacification Campaign

South Vietnam 1970

1970



Tet offensive aid

1971



Armed Forces Day

1972



Wounded Soldier

1973



Quang Tri victory

South Vietnam 1973

1973



Pres. Thieu - Agrarian Reform

1974



SEATO 7 Nations

1974



Tourism

1969



M – 3 battle and refugees

South Vietnam unissued

1967



Buddhist Youth Movement

1967



Preparation for invasion of North Vietnam

1967



North Vietnam 1951

1961



Ho Chi Minh

1954



Malenkov/Ho/Mao

1954



Dien Bien Phu

1956



Mac Thi Bui (Guerrilla leader)

North Vietnam 1958

1958



Resistance movement in SVN

1959



Phu Loi massacre

1960



Vladimir Lenin

1961



Yuri Gagarin

North Vietnam 1961

1961



15th Anniversary National resistance

1962



War for reunification

1973



Female guerrilla – National defense

1973



Fidel Castro

North Vietnam 1965

1965



NLF 5th Anniversary in SVN

1966



Female guerrilla and POW

1967



Captured US pilots

1968



Cuban guerrillas

North Vietnam 1969

1969



Guerrilla scenes

1969



Guerrilla scenes

1970



Viet Cong flag

1970



Indo Chinese People's Summit

North Vietnam 1973

1973



Democratic People's Republic of Korea

1974



Solidarity with Chilean Pres. Salvador Allende

1975



People's Republic of Poland

1976



Ho Chi Minh - Unification of Vietnam

Vietnam 1976 unified

1976



Liberating Saigon

1979



VN Peoples' Army

1980



50th Anniversary Communist Party

1984



VN – Laos – Cambodia Friendship

