



Primary Source Analysis - Module 1

What is a primary source? Primary sources are sources from the specific time period of study. For example, when studying the Vietnam War, primary sources can be government documents, photographs, journal entries, newspaper articles from the time period, audio/video sources, etc.

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Directions

Please read both of the following primary sources below and consider the questions below regarding each source. Each primary source is linked on the Vietnam War Digital History Website and is available as a word or PDF download.

[Vietnamese Declaration of Independence](#)

[1946 Accords between France and Vietnam](#)

Questions to Consider:

1. What other documents does Ho Chi Minh use as inspiration for the Vietnamese Declaration of Independence?
2. Why do you think he found those documents inspirational?
3. What are Ho Chi Minh's specific arguments regarding the French and the Japanese?
4. What recognitions did the French government give to Vietnam in the 1946 Accord between France and Vietnam?
5. What does the Vietnamese government declare in the 1946 Accord between France and Vietnam?