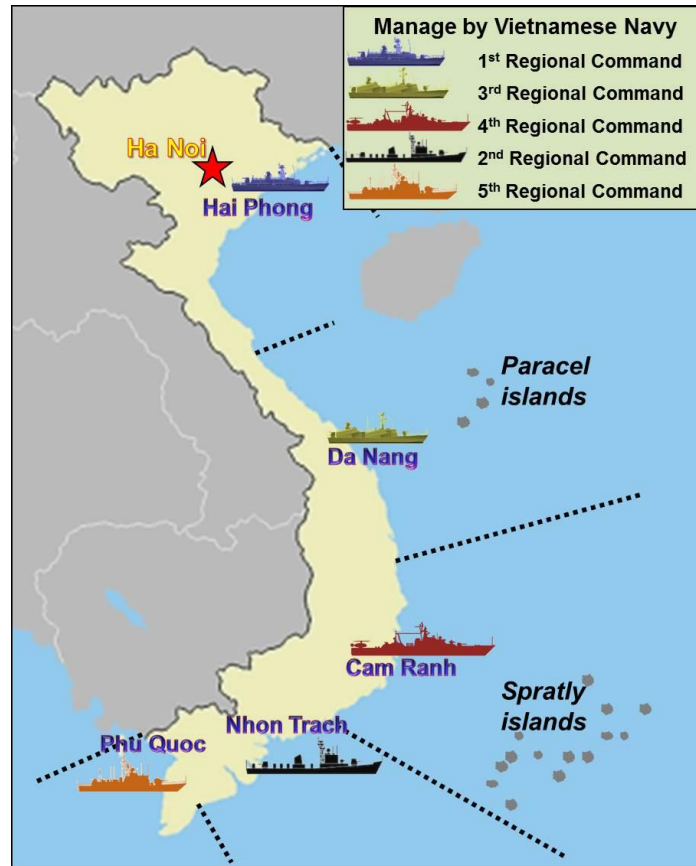


Start of the Vietnam War



Fight for Independence

Fighting against foreign rulers for a long time.

Part of the French colony of Indochina

Countries: Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

Ho Chi Minh formed Indochina Communist Party (Viet Minh)
to challenge French rule.

Ho Chi Minh



Domino Theory

French asked the U.S. for help against the communist in Vietnam.

U.S. agreed helped with money and military equipment/training.

Domino Theory - if one country in a region fell to communism so would the surrounding countries.



Divided into 2 countries

French defeated by the Viet Minh

Geneva Peace Accords -divide Vietnam at the 17th Parallel.

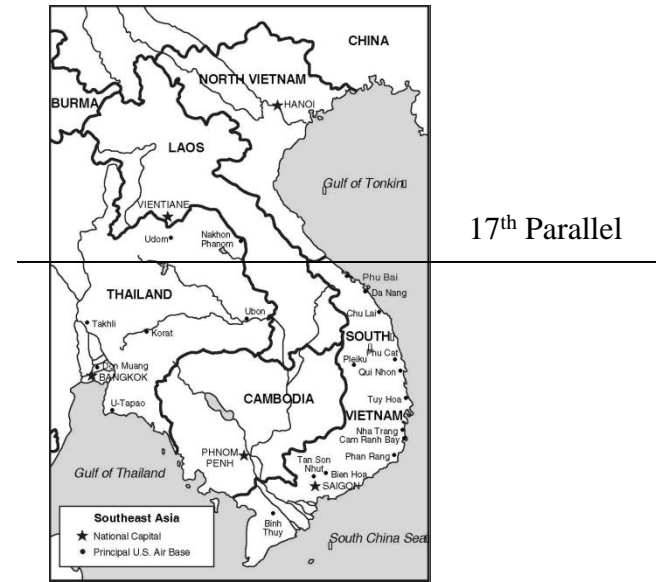
N. Vietnam - communist (Ho Chi Minh)

S. Vietnam - anti-Communist. (Ngo Dinh Diem)

Division temporary until elections could be held.

U. S. & S. Vietnam - afraid they'd lose Election -postponed

Result: Vietnam remained 2 separate countries.



Viet Cong & Ho Chi Minh Trail

Ho Chi Minh trail was a nickname -series of trails that ran from N. Vietnam to S. Vietnam.

Used by the Communists in the North to supply the Viet Cong. Through Laos & Cambodia

Viet Cong – communist in S. Vietnam



Vietnamese carrying supplies on the Ho Chi Minh Trail

