

Beginning of the Vietnam War Timeline

Date	Event
	France takes over Vietnam as a colony
	Ho Chi Minh, a Communist sympathizer, leads the Vietnamese independence movement
	Representatives of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnamese emperor Bao Dai, and the United States meet in Geneva
	Vietnam is split into North and South. North is lead by Ho Chi Minh and the South is lead by Ngo Dinh Diem
	Diem receives the backing of the United States
	Elections agreed to in the Geneva Conference are not held because the U.S. fears that Diem will not be elected
	The Vietnam War starts