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The Erasure Of The Vietnamese Culture

The colonization of Vietnam by the French worked to erase their culture by denying the Vietnamese language. During the 19th and 20th centuries, French had become the official language in Vietnam under the French Colonial Rule. As the French were beginning to colonize Vietnam, it made sense to overwrite the Vietnamese language. The Viet language and the French language merged. Many Vietnamese words contain French loanwords. They can be pronounced differently but have the same meaning. As languages are sacred to a culture's identity, words that come from the French that merge in with the Vietnamese language creating loanwords can result in the Vietnamese language being watered down and losing its identity in the language.

Ho Chi Minh's fight against colonialism is an act of resistance. During the French Revolution, Ho Chi Minh and his forces fought against the French. Ho Chi Minh fought against the French hoping they wouldn't reclaim their French colonial proprietary. Ho Chi Minh died in 1969 due to heart failure, his body was buried in a mausoleum located in Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam. The mausoleum represents the uniting of Vietnam as a whole country. Ho Chi Minh helped save more lives by preventing the French coming back as he defeated them with his forces. Having the special mausoleum guarantees the people will remember him because of that.

Centuries ago Ham Nghi became an emperor as a minor. Many of his advisors were anti-French, especially his aide, Ton That Thuyet. For ages Ham Nghi's advisors condemned the French rule. The French in 1885 raided the emperor's royal palace. According to the article [Ham Nghi Vietnamese Resistance To French Colonialism](#) Ton That Thuyet and his servants brought the emperor to safety and hid him in the forests of Annam, showing resistance by protecting their emperor, the most important thing in the palace.

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