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Primary Source Assignment

Questions:1. Who is Ho Chi Minh addressing in this declaration? What screen image does he appeal to?

2. Vietnam in the colonial era was known as “French Indo-China”, a name that contains not a single reference to Vietnam. How does this document project an image of Vietnamese identity?

Ho Chi Minh quotes the French declaration of independence and the United States declaration of independence to make it known how the Great Powers treated Vietnam and how the values for them were not really there for them. Ho Chi Minh is causing readers to think about how the Vietnamese people were treated especially during capitalism, “They have robbed us of our rice fields, our mines, our forests, and our raw materials. They have monopolized the issuing of bank notes and the export trade.” Vietnam lost their identity. It is very clear in this primary source document. Ho Chi Minh wanted freedom for Vietnam “The entire Vietnamese people are determined to mobilize all their physical and mental strength, to sacrifice their lives and property in order to safeguard their independence and liberty.”