

# HO CHI MINH



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 HYPERION

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P459 Jhu and  
non-communism

Believer in Lenin  
never met him  
before L. death  
watching Masulams  
critic of colonialism  
Married in Canton  
Tang Tuyet Hinh  
one daughter

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Author: "Air of mystery remains intact" - Communist or nationalist  
wrote two autobiographies under an assumed name

Savage - was it genuine -  
simplicity / goodness / selflessness  
preferred admirer of U.S. civilization  
Many of Ho's colleagues didn't share his interest in non-violence  
Would a conciliatory gesture from U.S. during 45-46 have made a difference  
He was half Lenin half Gandhi / His legacy is a mixed because of conditions in VN today

May 19, 1890 - Ho born  
Nguyen Sinh Cung - his name

Confucius - what role

1931 - arrested in Hong Kong  
Comintern - What was it when did he join  
What was the relationship between China and Russia in regard to Vietnam  
important to be anti-imperialistic  
Communism vs. Nationalism - He was clearly a trained communist

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1963 Coup - Dien  
Aug 1964 - Tonkin Gulf

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He spoke English

- Le Duc Tho
- Le Duan
- Pham Van Dong
- Truong Chinh
- Vo Nguyen Giap

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Chouin's health after WWII  
months bet. 1947 - 1951 - interview in 1953  
he placed anti-imperialist over anti-feudal  
What was the difference between the Chinese and Soviets

She/Delella p 459 - US wanted divided Vietnam  
wanted to foster grow communist  
development of SVN

Life long admirer of Confucius  
Ho asked Chinese for young women companions  
lived in stilt house

Ho wanted to go to the South Le Duc Tho visited  
him in China - needed to go through Cambodia p 558  
Shave off beard 76 yr old poor health

When did the image Uncle Ho start  
land reform  
Krusch Stalin speeds - it's impact on Vietnam

What is the province of Nguyen Sinh like?  
May 19, 1890 - Nguyen Sinh Cung (Ho) b May 19  
lived in Vinh 1890  
moved to Hue (ages)

Mother dies Feb 1901  
Nguyen Tat Thanh - new name age 11  
Ho became patriotic - began to hate foreigners  
Ba sail for France