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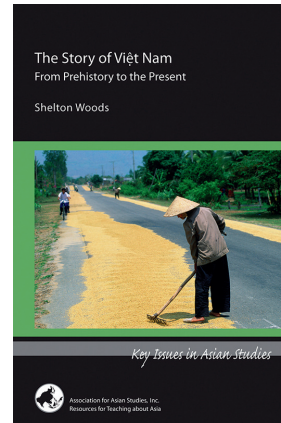
- Nationalism
- Western Colonialism
- Civil War
- Regional Rivalries
- Blending Religious Traditions
- Controlled Market Economy
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does it say about Vietnam that it defeated the powerful countries of China, Japan, France, and the United States?
2. How did the Vietnamese hold on to their cultural and social values despite being a province of China for more than 1,000 years?
3. What made the United States leaders think they could defeat the Vietminh despite Vietnam's track record of defeating China, Japan, and France?
4. What role has Cambodia played in Vietnam's history?
5. Why was the 1975-1985 decade so miserable for the Vietnamese despite their recent victory over the United States and the reunification of their country?
6. Explain Vietnam's astounding economic success following the implementation of the 1986 Doi Moi policies.

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