

## ENGLISH 12 – UNIT 1: LIFE STORIES WE ADMIRE

This worksheet allows students to practice the past simple and past continuous tenses while learning about Viet Nam's history.

### Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer:

1. While the soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) for the attack, To Vinh Dien \_\_\_\_\_ (notice) that the cannon was slipping.

- A. were preparing, noticed
- B. prepared, noticed
- C. were preparing, was noticing
- D. prepared, was noticing



2. Nguyen Hue (Quang Trung) \_\_\_\_\_ (lead) his troops when he \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) about the enemy's advance.

- A. led / was hearing
- B. was leading / heard
- C. was leading / was hearing
- D. led / heard



3. Tran Hung Dao \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) his navy when the Mongol invaders \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in Vietnam.

- A. was preparing / were arriving
- B. prepared / were arriving
- C. was preparing / arrived
- D. prepared / arrived



4. Hai Ba Trung \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) their elephants while they \_\_\_\_\_ (charge) into battle.

- A. were riding / charged
- B. rode / were charging
- C. were riding / were charging
- D. rode / charged



### Exercise 2: Complete the following paragraph with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses:

Vietnam's Independence Day, celebrated on September 2nd, marks the day when President Ho Chi Minh \_\_\_\_\_ (**declare**) the country's independence from French colonial rule. Ho Chi Minh \_\_\_\_\_ (**stand**) at the center of Ba Dinh Square and \_\_\_\_\_ (**read**) the Declaration of Independence to an eager crowd. While he \_\_\_\_\_ (**read**) the declaration, people \_\_\_\_\_ (**listen**) attentively to his speech.



After Ho Chi Minh \_\_\_\_\_ (**declare**) independence, the Vietnamese government \_\_\_\_\_ (**begin**) the challenging task of rebuilding the nation. The significance of September 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ (**become**) a symbol of freedom and national pride for generations to come.

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