

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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