

Election in Vietnam (March 15, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

i What? A national election in Vietnam, an Asian country, where citizens vote to choose their representatives.

u Who? Vietnamese citizens and candidates who wish to serve in the country's National Assembly.

g Where? Vietnam is a long, narrow country in Southeast Asia, bordered by China, Laos, and Cambodia, with major cities like Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

🕒 When? This election occurred on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

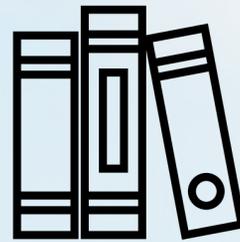
? Why is it important? Because this election offers a better understanding of how politics works in Vietnam and a chance to discover the country and its people.

🎯 For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about Vietnam.



OBJECTIVES

- Discover the main characteristics of Vietnam
- Explore different places virtually (cities, monuments, natural landscapes)
- Describe an observed environment
- Understand the role of the Mekong River
- Read and interpret a graph
- Perform simple calculations (average, comparison)



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Geography**
 - Vietnam and Southeast Asia
 - Landscapes (bays, cities, rivers)
 - Tourism
- **Mathematics**
 - Graph reading
 - Calculating averages
 - Comparing values
- **English**
 - Understanding instructions
 - Describing a place
 - Expressing an opinion
- **General Knowledge**
 - Famous sites (Ha Long, Hanoi, Saigon)
 - The Mekong River and deltas



COMPETENCIES

- Researching and interpreting information
- Observing and describing an environment
- Reading and analyzing a graph
- Performing mathematical calculations
- Expressing an opinion and justifying an answer



DURATION

- About 60 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they have ever heard of Vietnam.
- Ask them what they imagine (landscapes, food, climate, etc.).
- Show them a picture (e.g., Ha Long Bay) and gather their impressions.
- Explain that Vietnam is now a very popular tourist destination.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Discovering Vietnam. Research of information on the *National Geographic Kids* website and filling of an identity card about Vietnam.

VIETNAM — FACT SHEET

INFORMATION	
Capital	Hanoi
Area	329,247 km ²
Population	97,040,334
Language	Vietnamese
Currency	Dong

STEP 2 — Three Places to See in Vietnam. Virtual tour of Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, and Ha Long Bay with Google Earth.

Q1 — Personal answer

Q2 — 1886 and 1891

Q3 — Personal answer

STEP 3 — The Mekong, A Mighty River. Analysis of a graph showing the length of the five largest rivers in Asia, and calculations.

Q4 — 1,391 km

Q5 — Average \approx 5,043 km. The Mekong is below average.



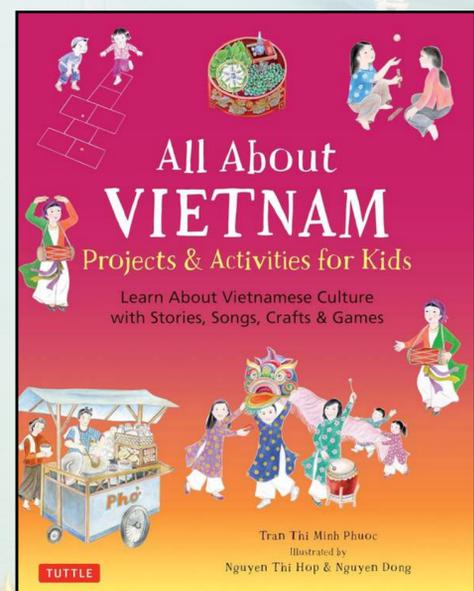
WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion about the students' discoveries
- Ask them which place they would most like to visit
- Discuss the role of the Mekong River in the lives of the inhabitants
- Make the connection between landscapes, people, and human activities



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Phuoc Thi Minh Tran. *All About Vietnam: Projects & Activities for Kids: Learn About Vietnamese Culture with Stories, Songs, Crafts and Games.* Tuttle Publishing



 **By plane: $1,100 \div 500 = 2.2$ hours, or approximately 2 hours 12 minutes**

 **By train: $1,700 \div 120 \approx 14.2$ hours, or approximately 14 hours 10 minutes**



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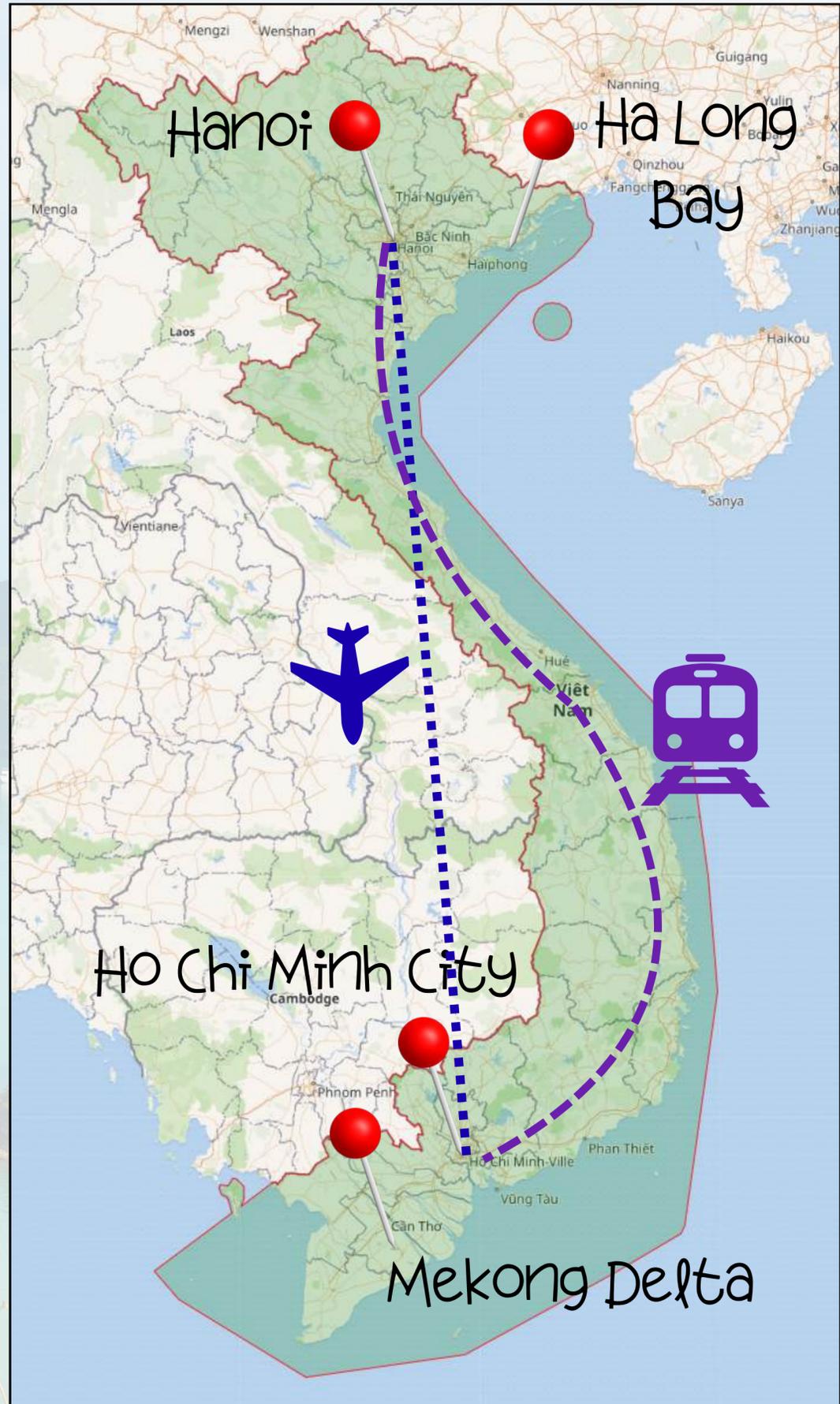
Vietnam from north to south

Vietnam is a coastal country that stretches from north to south, as you can see on the map.

You want to travel from the capital, Hanoi, to the country's largest city, Ho Chi Minh City, in the south.

The distance  by plane is approximately 1,100 km. If the plane flies at 500 km/h, how long will it take you to reach your destination?

And if you decide to go by train, how long will it take you to get to Ho Chi Minh City, knowing that there are 1,700 km between the two cities, and that the train travels at approximately 120 km/h?



In Vietnam, the dragon is a very important symbol representing strength, luck, and prosperity. It features in many of the country's legends and traditions.

The famous Dragon Bridge in Da Nang is a prime example: this immense dragon-shaped structure spans the river and can even breathe fire and water during performances. This modern bridge demonstrates how traditions still thrive today.