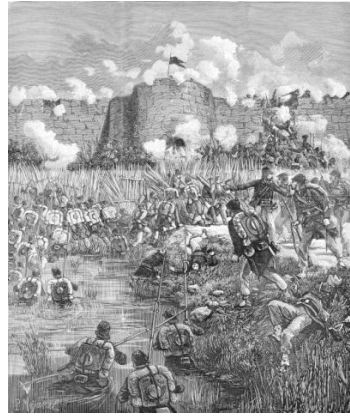




0. SCENES DURING FRENCH RULE - Story Preface

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Vietnam has been a country touched by war or military occupation for a very long time. This illustration depicts an artistic impression of the French storming Son Tay on the 16th of December, 1883 (during the time that France was the dominant force in Vietnam). Historians are unclear who created this image—it may have been Pierre Méjanel (1837-1905).

What was Vietnam like during the time of French rule? How did the people live?

Thanks to an extraordinary collection of photographs on a French-language web site, we can take a trip back in time to see for ourselves.

- France called the area of Vietnam Indo-Chine (Indochina) as reflected on its stamps.
- Young women with bare feet, worked at a tobacco plant in Hanoi.
- Commerce in Phat Diem during French colonial times.
- People smoked opium pipes, often while reclining, even during colonial times.
- Life in Vietnam before and during French involvement in the country.

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