

The Postwar World: Comparative Colonial Rebellions and Independence

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The Eclipse of Europe

- **Europe severely weakened during WWII economically, politically and internationally.**
- **During and immediately after WWII (1940-1965), many of Europe's colonies began to seek independence.**
- **During emerging Cold War, new nationalist struggles must negotiate with U.S. or Soviet Union for support.**

Postcolonialism

- “Post” or after colonial control.
- Hundreds of years of foreign control of economy, political system, administration of state and economic exploitation of labor and natural resources.
- New nationalist movements in former colonies seek independence from colonial rulers.
- Use armed resistance and/or political resistance.
- Postcolonial movements dominate 1940-1965.

Postcolonial Rebellions in Asia, Africa and Latin America

- **After WWII, series of nationalist postcolonial revolutions. Some listed below. (former colonial power in parentheses).**
- **Indonesia, 1945 (Netherlands)**
- **India, 1947 (Great Britain)**
- **Ghana, 1947 (Great Britain)**
- **Cuba, 1953 (U.S.A)**
- **Algeria, 1962 (France)**
- **Vietnam, 1975 (France)**
- **We will examine India and Vietnam as two case studies in postcolonialism.**

Postwar Independence Movements



Indonesian Independence, 1945



Indian Independence, 1947



French Indochina, 1880s



French Indochina (Vietnam) 1945-1975



Cuban Revolution, 1953



Algerian Revolution, 1954-1962



Ghana, 1957



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