

## Families of the World: Vietnam

1) In Ho Chi Minh City, nine-year-old **Le Thi Thanh Hong** goes to school where she studies French, art and reading and plays games with friends. Her parents both work for the city. The next day Hong enjoys swimming at the community pool and the New Year Tet festivities, including the dragon dancing and fireworks. 2) Four-year-old **Bi** lives by the Mekong River with her family. Her parents work their farm, banana and papaya plantation in the morning, and then, in their "boat store," they sell small livestock, fruits, vegetables and grains to customers on the river.



### Vocabulary

1. independent (adj)
2. rest (v)
3. holiday season (n)
4. Tet holiday (n)
5. sketch (v)
6. traffic (n)
7. tradition (n)
8. evil (adj) spirit (n)
9. ancestor (n)
10. kindergarten (n)
11. pretend (v)
12. grown-ups (n): adults
13. medicine (n)
14. rooster (n)
15. bunch (n)
16. boat (n)
17. fuel (n)
18. tanker (n)
19. rainy season (n)
20. monsoon (n)



**Part 1: While Watching****A) Hong**

1. Who is the famous leader that helped Vietnam become independent?
2. How many students go to her school?
3. What foreign languages do they study at Hong's school?
4. T or F? The students have all their classes in the same classroom.
5. T or F? Schools are free, but they have to pay for books and lunch.
6. T or F? They eat lunch in a school cafeteria.
7. How long do they rest after lunch?
8. What time do most people start and finish work in Vietnam?
9. T or F? Workers usually take a long rest in the afternoon.
10. Where does she go first after school?
11. What is the Tet holiday?
12. Why do people like to use motorbikes?
13. Why do people wear costumes and masks at the Tet Festival?
14. What is the Dragon Dance for?

**B) Bi**

1. What is the first thing they do at school in the morning?
2. Who do they pretend to be at school?
3. What does her mother put on the backs of the pigs?
4. T or F? A banana tree produces only one bunch of bananas a year.
5. What is her family's business?
6. What does the cook on the tanker want to buy?
7. What is the rainy season called?



8. How many shops did they sell things to?
9. T or F? They have rice with almost every meal.

**Part 2: After Watching (HW: Write your answers.)**

1. What was different, interesting, or surprising for you? Why? For example, did you notice how the students raise their hands in Hong's class? **(Try to write down at least 2 or 3 things.)**

2. Why do you think some students study French?

3. Why was Ho Chi Minh an important man?



