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The Vietnamese live in a completely different environment than that of America. The war on their part was extremely undersized in its technological advances and weaponry selection. The lifestyle spoke of an unknown life to many who lived in America. Vietnamese lived in jungle and grew up in small villages. Although their way of life was diverse, the Vietnamese still managed to use their ingenuity to survive in the war against the Americans successfully. The Vietnamese showed resourcefulness through work on the Ho Chi Minh trail, surgical operations, and their daily fight to stay alive.

One of the main assets the Vietnamese used regularly was children. They allowed fifteen year olds, even fifteen year old girls, to work on the Ho Chi Minh trail in order to keep it readily available. Vu Thi Vinh was one of those girls. Not only was resourcefulness found in the vast number of age groups from both genders fighting, but also in the way they responded to American bombs. The Ho Chi Minh trail was heavily bombed, but these loyal and devoted children managed to fill in the holes and rebuild destroyed bridges. It was very smart of the Vietnamese to let practically anyone fight. The numbers they had working on the trail allowed for the men and women to be out fighting, where they were more importantly needed, instead of being caught up in repairing the trail day after day. The helping hand from people of all ages was most definitely a resource well used and also effective.

Some of the helping hands came from those of Vietnamese doctors. Combat wounds were not the only reason for need of a nearby doctor. Due to Vietnam's environment, lack of food, and sanitary conditions, many Vietnamese ended up needing medical assistance. Le Cao Dai treated patients from all of these situations. The essence of resourcefulness shines through in the way Dai treated some of his patient's wounds. Ironically, lack of resources gave way to doctors using resourcefulness. The pedaling of bicycles kept lights on. Metal was used as surgical knives. Rubber insulation was used for intravenous tubes. Dai used whatever he could find, usually off of American bombs and equipment. Basically, American's trash was Vietnam's treasure. The ingenuity of these doctors helped save many lives. Had it not been for their creativity, many would have lost their lives or been unable to continue fighting for their country in which they were so passionate about.

Life in jungles was difficult, even for the Vietnamese. The issue, obviously, was trying to stay alive. In order to do so, the Vietnamese had to hide from Americans. Vu Hy Thieu got an insiders look into many aspects of resourcefulness in doing so. In order to keep American bombers from finding them, trucks were camouflaged by tree branches and smoke was sifted through a pile of leaves. Booby traps were set above propaganda for when Americans pulled them off the walls. These

ingenious ideas allowed the Vietnamese to press on in the fight against Americans. Such attention to detail, such as smoke, showed how much patience they encompassed. Their resourcefulness certainly helped in hiding when necessary, and killing Americans whenever they wanted.

The inventiveness of the Vietnamese people certainly gave them an even greater advantage fighting against the Americans. Not only where they fighting in familiar territory, but they had the minds of geniuses when it came to surviving with what they had at the time. The focus on the small things helped them in a big way. Such uniform thoroughness left them with a chance to go beyond American thinking, and hide in the spaces of their minds America never thought to look.

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