

## Précis Assignment

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### Précis I Book List

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- Stephen Morris, *Why Vietnam Invaded Cambodia : Political Culture And The Causes Of War* (Stanford: Stanford UP 1999)
- Andrew Rotter, *Path to Vietnam: Origins Of The American Commitment To Southeast Asia* (Ithaca: Cornell UP, 1987)
- Robert S. Ross, *The Indochina Tangle: China's Vietnam Policy, 1975-79* (New York: Columbia UP, 1988).
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- Richard Wich, *Sino-Soviet Crisis Politics: A Study Of Political Change And Communication* (Cambridge: Harvard UP, 1980)
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- Zhai Qiang, *China And The Vietnam Wars: 1950-1975* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000)
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