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Part one turning point

They story that I picked had a turning point maybe not for the war as a whole but the events that led up to the ending of the war. This is the story of Peter Kuznick on Pg, 313. The main focus of this story is that peter was an antiwar activist. This played a huge part in the way that it affected the war and the reason for stopping it.

So now I would like to take a look at what was going on with the activists and what they were fighting here at home. The story talks about Chicago in 1968 and the way people gathered for this peace rally. There are a few different views on peace rally I see it as hippies peaceful and wanting to voice their views on the war and express their freedom of speech. Then there are radicals and activist that will do crazy things to get there point across. The police of the times were not what I would expect to be up standing and protect and serve the reference from to book about the police sums it up pg,314 "they hatred toward the demonstrators was palpable and they were just itching for an excuse to attack". Peters goal was to go to the campuses and teach the anti war protesters to become anti war activists. I think that this is the turning point of the story and quite possibly the war. The reason that I say this is because a large part of the outcome of the war has to do with the way the American public resisted the war. The peace talk that took place in Chicago and failed was only a minor part that the riots had on the war. On Pg, 316 Peter says "But I agree that a confrontational politics could unmask the violent nature of the American state by showing that the same wrath and ruthlessness it used to kill millions of Vietnamese would also be turned against Americans who challenges its power." So as the violence in the war progressed so did the people protesting it and they made a difference by showing the American people what kind of senseless violence we are capable of?

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Part two endings

I think that it would be hard to sum up why the war ended in one little story. But I believe that I found a story that has to do with a good part of what happened in the ending of the war in Vietnam. The story I choose is from Pg 468, Nguyen Kanc Huynh it is a short story but is straight to the point and a lot of other stories are about the peace talks during 1968-73. I believe that everyone in the

peace talks wanted to things to end peacefully of course but why I ask did it take so many years and why could we not agree? It says in this story that after the peace talks were over America started bombing again. So the peace talks were open again. After not being able to agree Pg, 468 Appy, "So after a number of discussions we agreed to have two different pages of signatures." It must be really bad if after five years of talking about peace you still can only agree by disagreeing and signing two different agreements. The last paragraph of this story really gets me it talks about the ending of the war Pg, 469, when McNamara says both sides missed opportunities he wants to distribute the blame for the war equally on the shoulders of both parties and mitigate American responsibility for the war". So if this is the ending statement for the war I feel that we still won't admit what we did was wrong just that everyone in the war was wrong.



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