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## Part 1:

The story in part 1 that caught my attention was Tran Thi Gung's "I was stuck in a tunnel for seven days" because of how young she was and how matter of fact her story was. Reading a story from a soldier from the opposing force is different. Reading about all the Americans she shot was a little depressing. Her story did seem biased and exaggerated which hurt her credibility. The author seemed subjective in the fact that she only told stories about herself. She never really brings up people she fought with. If everything was factual, it's no wonder we lost the conflict. Her description of their battles helped illustrate the differences between conventional and unconventional warfare.

## Part 2:

Daniel Redmond's article "The doctor who won the war in

Indochina" was disappointing to me because it was unclear exactly why he considered the Viet Minh to be murderers. It seems like, because of the anti-war movement, you only hear the good, or romantic, side of North Vietnam. I wish his point was more objective, and expounded upon. A lot of the information presented reflects the atrocities committed by the south on its people, which is why I was surprised to read about the land reform in the North and the estimated 8,000 executed. With all the positive information about Ho Chi Minh, and the Viet Minh struggling for independence and freedom from oppression, reading about the land reform made the story of the North more human.

I liked Henry Prunier's "These were not ragtag farmers" because I like reading about clandestine operations. The only bad thing was that, I couldn't help thinking about how similar it was to Afghanistan. It seems like the Cold War made the United States short cited. I really like how described and detailed Prunier's article is. I wish more of the stories gave this much insight into the history of the conflict.

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