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Part 1

In part 1, the story I found the most intriguing was that of Tran Thi Gung. She was the only women soldier in the guerilla force Trung Lap Ha Hamlet. I was drawn to this story because Tran Thi Gung was a woman after my heart, she was standing up for her people, defending her father's honor. She was fighting for the simple necessities like food, and clothing for her people. I can relate to this loyalty to one's family, especially as a mother, I can definitely relate to this, in a way it is a nurturing thing.

I would never discredit any of the stories in this book, as these people were all there first hand, and everyone is entitled to their opinion and their emotions and memories can never really be judged as they are personal remnants from an awful war. I might not understand or agree some opinions but that is okay to disagree. I think that Tran Thi Gung was giving a reliable and accurate account of her experience. I feel like she was just telling her story from her point of view, I feel that she was credible and factual. I think that she was just telling about her experience, and sharing her stories.

Part 2

Hmm it is hard to pick a disappointing story, but I would have to go with the story of Paul Hare and his cock fighting. It is very hard for me to do this assignment as I really don't have a feeling of disappointment on what he did talk about I think it was disappointing because of what he DIDN'T talk about. I prefer the other stories because they seem allot more personal and offer more insight to the psychological and emotional aspects of others experiences. I think it is also disappointing because he doesn't talk about how his experiences affected him really. He talks about his cock fighting. I think it is just a little insensitive all the things that happened over there and this is what he chooses to share.

I found several positive points in the readings, I think the most creditable readings are that of the people defending their country,

their hope and their faith and their unwavering desire to defend what they have fought to protect for centuries. I find it all very moving, I think that the lessons learned are self-respect and a sense of belonging and protection of a history. I think all the stories have accounts of bravery and never-ending hope.

I love reading these accounts of people's time in Vietnam; it is such a refreshing insight to the war. I like to read the different opinions and personal accounts.

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