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For me this was the hardest assignment yet. This assignment made me look at things in a different way. I also had to look at things as my parents might have. The part that I have chosen out of part four was Memorial Day 1968 by Clark Dougan. I chose this because I am from Ohio myself and felt that it touched me the closest. I believe that this story showed why people felt the way they did about the war, ether if it was for or against it. This story also showed how the media's views changed as the war went on and how people seen things the media was showing them. This story starts off about two boys in high school and the different roods that they took. Dougan himself even said in this story that they sensed that they were pawns in something larger than they knew (p.304). Dougan went off to college and his friend Fischer joined the marines. The thing that showed me the turning point was in the beginning they would name off the men that died in Vietnam on the intercom at school and the students would give a moment of silence and when the Dougan was older and in college and home from college he opened the paper to see that his friend had died. The article started out by saying "He Was Only 19-Did you Know Him". Then the article went on to tell of a letter that he had left and how to use his military life insurance. I found it touching that his only thoughts was on his sister going to college and that his skates be given to Joey. I think this opened people's eyes to why they did not want to have their children or young men in Vietnam and add fuel to the fire to get the United States out (p. 305). This was also shown in text of America's Longest War on pages 298 and 299. This was shown most by the Kent State Protest, that involved the National Guards and where buildings were burned as well as students killed and injured.

For part five, I chose The World Was coming To An End by Frank Maguire. This story showed me how even the American soldier was getting tired of the war and how they started to back lash. they would not fight and wrote their own anti-war signs. they even at points would just make up stuff to make it look like we were winning. In my opinion when the soldiers were done then we were already out of the fight. This to me was the beginning of the end.

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