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Part 1 Turning Point

While there are many stories in Appy's book that had turning points the story that stuck with me was by Clark Dougan and The Cleveland Press. Clark Dougan and Greg Fischer graduated from highschool together during a time when many their age coped with the war by making fun of it. Dougan went on to college and Fischer went on to enlist in the Marines. Fischer knew it was only a matter of time before getting drafted and wanted to support the best, the Marines. A year goes by and Dougan comes home to visit. He opens up The Cleveland Press to read "He was only 19- Did you know him?"-Cleveland Press, and a story about his dead classmate Greg Fischer. The editorial talks of a ordinary boy who has died in the war leaving his 'death money' to his sisters college fund and his hockey shoes to Joey. This editorial was a huge turning point for americans and their support for the war. Greg Fischer could be anyones son, nephew, nieghbor. Many Americans thought is this war worth losing these young men?

Part 2

There are many different versions and dates as to when the war ended. For many of the soliders it was 1970 when they decided to quit following orders. Mnay soliders went as far as killing their commanding officers to not complete these orders. In the stories by Judith Coburn she shares seeing these soliders perform anti war demonstrations. History books state that the end of the war was April 30, 1975, but what about the POWs? The war for them ended much later. John Mc Cain shares his story of hearing from his captures that his own country didnt support him or the war. His loyalty and faith kept him alive to only come home and find this to be true. For many he Vietnam War has and will never end. It is in their nightmares.

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