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Part One: The Turning PointSo very far below
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The turning point of the Vietnam War, in my eyes, would have to be the My Lai massacre on March 16th, 1968.

The story that Larry Colburn told about what he saw and how he reacted to the situation on March 16th, 1968 caused me to see the My Lai massacre not only as the turning point for Larry Colburn, but a turning point for the entire war as well. I see it as a turning point for Larry Colburn because he had to face his own men on the battlefield so that he could protect the families of the South Vietnamese hamlet.

I also see it as a turning point for the war because it showed that the war turned from trying to bring stability to a torn up country and its people into somewhat of a free-for-all with many people wondering what was really going on in Vietnam and why our soldiers would commit such atrocious acts against innocent people. ?

Part Two: The End

I feel that the "end" of the Vietnam War happened in 1966 with the major demoralization in the South Vietnamese and U.S. militaries. This demoralization caused the desertion rate in the South Vietnamese and U.S. militaries to quadruple from 1966 to 1971. Not only were the desertion rates extremely high but many enlisted men were also "fragging" their officers. From 1969 to 1971 there were a total of 730 reported "fraggings." Along with this also came an increase of drug use among many of the soldiers. I feel that this decline in the discipline of the military was the end of the Vietnam War.

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