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ASSIGNMENT 1

Part 1

The story in Part 1 of the Patriots book that caught my eye was the story by Bernard

Trainor. The reason that I liked the story so much was because I found it very interesting. It

let me know as a reader how the "Vietnam Conflict" as they called it was really like. I think

that the speaker was believable and think that he was trying to tell us as Americans what he

had to go through in the marines. I think that he is also very reliable and also very trustworthy. After all, unlike you or me, they were there, at that specific point in time. I

believe that being there themselves gives them more credibility then less. I know from my

own father being in the military that they don't always tell the truth in the media. So meaning

that they have more knowledge about what is really going on than the rest of us Americans

back in the United States. Are they objective and factual or do they suffer from too much

subjectivity, too much time having passed, too much forgotten? With some of these stories I

believe that some of the men might suffer from too much subjectivity. I don't believe that

contradictory

any of them suffer from the having too much time passing. I believe no matter how

much

time had passed it is still very vivid for them. I believe for a lot of these men there experience they have had have changed their lives forever.

Part 2

One of the stories that were the most disappointing for me to read was the story by

Ngo Vinh Long in the section deliver us from evil. The reason that was so disappointed in

this story was that is talked about the fact that if a member of South Vietnam family went to

help the National Liberation Front the rest of the family would all be punished. The family

would either be fined or imprisoned find out this information upset me because just because

of a member of our family does something doesn't mean the whole family will do the same

thing. The story also then went on to say that "By 1959 there were already about hundred

thousand political prisoners in the South." I found this also very upsetting because that

means that a hundred thousand people were being imprisoned for something they did not



Those in the prisons were probably not treated correctly at all because it was a time of

war.

The story that I thought showed some potential for hope or a potential for good was

the story by Ngo Vinh Long. He was talking about being Saigon making maps and he saw a

lot of people basically dying from starvation. He says in his story that he wrote to the U.S.

Embassy and the Saigon government and said that they need to help these people and nothing was done about it. So he and his group with him that were making map stayed with

these people for three weeks so that they would get enough nutrition to hopefully live. I

Not well explained

believe that food is a sign of hope of a potential of good is that he could have just wrote a

letter and left these people behind and left. Instead of living these people to die he stayed

and helped them out possibly saving their lives.

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