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History of the Vietnam War

Assignment #2

Civilians. In every war, it is the civilians that suffer. World War I saw hundreds of thousands of civilians die in Europe. World War II saw millions of civilians die, again in Europe and in Asia. And in both wars, civilians in Europe were horribly disabled and disfigured by the thousands. The same can be said for civilians in Asia during World War II. And again in the Vietnam War, an estimated two million Vietnamese civilians were killed by Americans and Vietnamese soldiers, both North and South.

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This essay is about the Vietnamese civilians that suffered during the Vietnam War. American civilians suffered at home, too, but what they experienced was nothing compared to the horrors the populace of Vietnam, both North and South, experienced. The "war zone" in Vietnam and the "war zone" in America, which was in the form of civil unrest towards the war and antiwar demonstrations, were vastly different. The American populace was not right in the middle of the conflict per se; they did not live in a country that experienced daily bombings, napalm, Agent Orange, defoliants, and constant killing everywhere. The Vietnamese populace was in the midst of all of this.

What is the theme? Civilians?

I chose to write this particular essay on the Vietnamese civilians because it seemed to be one of the constants I was finding in all the stories in the book "Patriots". It is the one subject that has been speaking to me the most while I was reading the book. I thought it might be a form of remembrance if I focused this essay on the Vietnamese civilians who experienced man's inhumanity to man during the Vietnam War. I have chosen three accounts for "Part Three: Escalation" from the book that show how these poor civilians suffered during the Vietnam War.

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The first account I chose that shows what the Vietnamese civilians had to endure is the story by veteran Jim Soular, in the "Free Fire"

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