

experiences, and admitted that her actions may have been different if she wasn't being directed to do the things she did. Sylvia seemed to carry her time in Vietnam like a badge of honor and accepted responsibility for the things she did, even though she was critical of the American policies that put her there.

Truong My Hoa was born a revolutionary, and began participating actively at the age of 15. She was arrested in 1964 and sentenced to 18 months, but she ended up being imprisoned for eleven years under the Diem government's rule. Truong was interrogated and tortured repeatedly, and confined to a tiger cage with four other women. She kept her resolve throughout her time of imprisonment, and would not betray the regime to which she was so loyal. She endured shame and indescribable physical and mental pain while struggling to protect her integrity, because she believed that the cause was a worthy one. She was even instrumental in bringing the devastating conditions of the prisoners to light to an American delegation and subsequently, the world. Truong was particularly moved and encouraged by some of the things she was hearing about the Americans that demonstrated against the war, and this gave her strength in her struggle. She was incredibly brave for eleven long years, and never gave up hope that she would be released.

It was very hard to choose just three stories, but these are examples of how courageous the human spirit can be regardless of their beliefs, nationalities, or affiliations. Just the fact that these three women survived, and were able to tell their stories, was a testament to their will. I was amazed by their stories and impressed by their courage even though I may not have believed in some of their reasons for being involved in the Vietnam War. I cannot say that I would have been so fortunate if I was faced with any of their situations.

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Better than your first paper, but "courage" as a theme was weak. It seems ~~para~~ you shifted between it and "bravery", and even "dedication to a cause." Some vague parts which could have been better explained.

connection?
Nguyen believed
in her cause, but
Sylvia did not?

Diem
dead in 63

wrong
word?

Sylvia?