

wishes he could take it all back yet, he's stuck reliving it every day of his life.

is this the theme?
The story of Vu Thi Vinh, Trails to War, was a good example of the hardships and risks the people of Vietnam were willing to face in order to win the war against the Americans. She was a teenager who volunteered for four years of her life to work in the jungles of Truong Son clearing the path of trees, damming up streams and filling bomb craters as quickly as possible to ensure their troops could make it through the Ho Chi Minh trail during the night. She explained that they would work all through the night to ensure their soldiers could make it safely through and without causing any traffic jams or that could allow the Americans a perfect opportunity to bomb and cause a massive amount of deaths. She doesn't express a lot of sadness or regret in her tone, she more just goes through the notions of what it took to be a youth volunteer and the environment that she ^{was} subjected to because of her willingness to be part of the war because it meant fighting for her country. She focuses on her experience and their ability to find the pride in what they were doing for their country rather than dwelling on the war itself and the tragedies that came with it. She never put her country down or expressed any type of hostility towards Vietnam which left to believe that she has pure love for her country and will stand behind it no matter what the cost which does not seem the case for many American soldiers. *← is this the theme?*

is this a requirement of his job?
The story of Charles Cooper, "You want me to start World War III," showed how much LBJ was set in his ways about continuing the war the way he wanted to rather than attempting alternative approaches to possibly get the American troops out of Vietnam and end it altogether. Charles did not go back to a memory of being in Vietnam, but rather a memory of being in Lyndon B Johnson's Oval Office and realizing the President of the United States of America invited his five senior military advisers to come to a briefing only to ridicule any thoughts or ideas they had to end the war. Charles remembered the President cursing at them and treating them like they knew nothing and had no ground for their ideas. This really made me think that if the President who everyone had so much respect for could not even show respect to people who served under him and were the men responsible for following his commands and answering to his soldiers, how were the American soldiers out their fighting for their country supposed to feel? It seems as though the President could not admit defeat. This ultimately caused many of the American soldiers in Vietnam to be haunted by their actions and cut off from their emotions while not feeling pride at all, but sorrow instead for what they had done, leaving them to relive their memories of who they were and what they did while they were over there.

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LBJ caused this
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