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Part 1

I think that a turning point that happen in the Vietnam War was when soldier that were drafted into the War sought to go to Canada instead of fight in the war. There were many Americans that thought the war in Vietnam was not needed and that we were not helping them we were just making the fight worse. One story that really got me in Part Four of Appy book was a story from Nathan Houser.

The reason that the story got me thinking that it was a turning point is that in his story made me think that it was a turning point in the war. Was that he was not the only one that went to Canada there were over Fifty thousand American men that went to Canada instead of having to have to go to Vietnam. Nathan was a college student and very involved in politics, he even considered be a Politician himself but the most he got into the political world the more he learned why we were in Vietnam in the first place and he did not like it. When he graduated from college he decided to go Canada instead of having to be drafted into the Vietnam War because he did not believe in what American was fighting for. He also did not want to lose his life for something that he did not believe in or even think it was needed in the first place.

Nathan actually said in his story that he would “go to jail or go underground to resist the war.” Just like many other American men that felt the same way and many other American people they would rather go to jail then see the war continue. Even though many other felt this way it was really hard on the American soldiers that came home from Vietnam either injured or else being booed for fighting the Vietnam War. Many of the men probably did not believe in the war either and they were just doing what they were told to do.

Part 2

The turning point in the Vietnam War to me was Paris. The reason that I thought that Paris was so significant was that it was when the Paris Peace Accords happened that really brought the American soldiers back to America. One of the stories in the Paris section in the Appy book in Part Five by Daniel Davidson made it very obvious to me that Paris was the ending point in the war. Even though the war did not end until two years later I feel it was the major point that caused it to come to an end.

The reason I found Daniel Davidson story so important is that Daniel was translating English to French to Vietnamese and there is one point in his story that he is talk to a

Vietnamese man and explain about the presidential election and tell this man that he was going for Humphrey to become president. Because he was telling Nixon record and the Vietnamese man looks at him and says with plain English for the first and only time that “he would not buy a used car from that man.” Meaning that if a Vietnamese soldier cannot trust Nixon enough to buy a car from him then why they would want to believe anything he said.

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