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Had been done correctly.

History of Vietnam Assignment One

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NOT using this story

In part 1 of the text *Patriots*, the narrative of Tran Thi Gung made an impact due to an honest portrayal of warfare, by a soldier in the field, specifically a female soldier, fighting for the Viet Cong near Chu Chi. A point-of-view many American's would not be aware of. Tran Thi Gung in her opening paragraph explains what initially motivated her to join the Viet Cong cause, the Vietnamese government, 'puppets of the American's as she described them executed her father, and she immediately swore revenge.

The narration is both believable and objective, as Tran Thi Gung didn't get wrapped up in ideology, explaining who is right or wrong, is Communism or Capitalism more important? She admits immediately why she joined the guerrillas, her father was killed and her people are dying, so she is fighting and killing to survive. She also gave the author visual confirmation of her combat experience with a photo dating back to 1966, by combat photographer Duong Thanh Phong. In the photo, she is lying on the ground aiming a rifle. It could be 'assumed' that despite the war being over three decades ago, her memories remain fresh as she admits that each time somebody asks about her experience as a soldier, she relives the traumatic event during the night in a nightmare.

Tran Thi Gung's account of the war reveals to the reader that those who fight (and kill or get killed) in the field, can have vastly different motivations ^a than their leaders who start and control the war. The leaders want victory, demanding a certain prevailing outcome, whether the war is motivated by ideology, resources or prestige, the grunt or soldier is killing, just to stay alive. The war was justified because it was about defending yourself and your companions from an invading force, regardless of their reasons. She boldly admits she is justified in killing countless Americans, not because one side or the other is right or wrong, but because it's her home, and the Americans are invading, therefore she's going to kill