

for his teammates when he made a strong effort to rescue a World War II veteran. While trying to save his friend, Donlon suffered immense shrapnel wounds to his, legs, stomach, shoulder, and even his face. Roger Donlon's accounts of his experience in the Vietnam are credible because he received the Medal of Honor. He was the first American to receive the United States highest honor in the Vietnam War. "His dynamic leadership, fortitude, and valiant efforts inspired not only the American personnel but the friendly Vietnamese as well and resulted in the successful defense of the camp." (Appy: 12) After reading Malcolm Browne's story, his attitude was a bit disappointing. His story was not disappointing, but heartbreaking. The story seemed to have no glint of hope. Although, after witnessing some of the things he had to witness, it would be most difficult to have a positive outlook. Browne's patriotism was a bit shallow. "Initially, I spent more time with South Vietnamese troops than with the Americans." (Appy: 65) He seemed to favor the Vietnamese. One quote from the story read, "An impressive number of journalists were killed or wounded and the danger added a certain spice of life." (Appy: 65) So many men were fighting for their lives during this war, and Browne's attitude made it seem as though it were some sort of game. Malcolm Browne was the only journalist who captured the moment of when the elderly monk, Thich Quang Duc, burned himself in protest to the policies of Ngo Dinh Diem. Browne's description of the event was saddening and heart-wrenching. Malcolm Browne witnessed many disheartening events. He also witnessed the aftermath of village massacres. Some good is found in the story of Malcolm Browne's Vietnam perspective. Although it is difficult to read, the first hand account of witnessing the Buddhist insurrection is quite eye-opening to the absolute turmoil that occurred during the Vietnam War. It is an example that freedom of religion is one of the most fundamentally important freedoms for humans. Forcing religion onto someone to believe in something they don't is like imprisoning their souls. Malcolm Browne can be appreciated for his efforts in immersing himself into the people of Vietnam. It is one of the jobs of a reporter to not be biased, but to report facts. His sympathy for the Buddhist's was admirable, especially because they are such peaceful people. The first hand accounts of being involved in a war is the most intense, and truly gives us the insight into what the war was like from all sides. Including not only American stories, but those of the Vietnamese makes the book by Appy one of more credibility. Although time has passed for those involved in the war, here and gone; the things they have witnessed, fought for, and lost, would forever be a part of their lives.

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Parts 1 & 2 were mostly narrative, rather than analytical in nature.

Re read the questions I posed and see if this paper answers them.

Speaker
Credibility

negative AND. positive from the story?

Did he?

Part 2
I assume

All of them? Monks only?