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Part 1:

Nguyen Qui Duc lived in a double life when he was young in Vietnam. Outwardly he was part of the elite who believed in the cause of the South Vietnamese, but inside, he was struggling to understand why the enemy was fighting. It was a contradictory life. But when he left his home country, his life ~~has been~~ changed, and turned to a better place.

In the story "I was living a double life", it is not hard to tell how bad the Vietnam War was. In 1968, he was ten, the son of the deputy governor of the five northernmost provinces of South Vietnam. He should have a happy childhood, not like other poor families. ~~He~~ did not need to worry about money, food, clothes, and education. But, his life was not on the right track, the war destroyed everything that he had ever owned, his family, his parents, also a happy childhood that he deserved. ~~It is really to face the fact for a ten year-old kid that his father was imprisoned and marched for twelve years, especially when it was happening at the lunar new year.~~ A family together day turned to be a family broken day is cruel for a little boy, and from then, he had no father with him.

On the other hand, he was caught by western culture which was new to him and his friends. Nguyen Qui Duc was trying to move on ~~on~~ his life. They wore peace symbols and bought T-shirts of American universities. They grew their hair long and listened to western music. They wanted to be cool, and forget the war. And he found out that people are actually nice when they are out of war, no matter what roles they play in war. People learned from others, and loved with others, at that point, they became an adult. And also at that point, Nguyen Qui Duc, he became an adult, his life turned to a new place.

Part 2:

~~To me,~~ the ending of the war is in the story "I didn't know there was a bad war" by George Evans. He grew up in a military town, where all the men had been in World War II, and most of the women in the Women's Auxiliary had worked in factories during the war. His father and his friends told him stories about the war since he was young. When he went to high school, he dropped out of school because his best friend told him they should avoid the draft and the war. And they

went to an air force program. Finally, he determined to go to Vietnam without listen to his friend's advice. In there, his life has been changed.

vw In Vietnam, at the very beginning, he had certain expectations of his government, but, they were exploded almost immediately upon entering the hospital in Cam Ranh Bay. His first job, which might not be a really job, was to clean up two beautiful children's body, who were about eight or nine years old. At that point, he realized that the country he was from was not the country he thought it was. When he found out that the fact what happened to the two kids, it totally changed his opinion about the war. The truth was they had been hit by an American military truck and that there was this kind of game going on in which guys were driving through town gambling over who could hit a kid. From now on, he realized that the war was not a good thing, just like his friend Billy said to him, "I don't care what you do with you life, but do not come here. Stay out of this war. Just forget it. This is the most awful place on earth. There's nothing heroic about it." And the NCO who ordered him to clean the bodies was an awful person, he was completely different from the veterans that George knew growing up, and completely contrary to what he thought he know about men in war and what he expected of them.

George changed his mind that he did not want to stay in military anymore. He ignored the captain's order, and was speaking out against the war, refusing to look like a soldier. Finally, he got to face the court-martial, which released him to freedom. He went back to his home.

The ending of war, sometimes is not the official ending. The ending is when soldiers do not want to fight with enemy, people cannot afford the influences that war brings to them. At that time, everyone wants peace, the war is ending.

What was the "end" for George?
As soon as he got to Vietnam?
The child incident? The refusal to follow orders?
The discharge?

Overall good,
but keep working
on grammar & proofreading
for clarity