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Most of the events and stories have four steps in composition, which is introduction, development, turn, and conclusion. Vietnam War was and is a real story that occurred several decades ago and the war cannot be an exception for not having any of the four steps. Every step may be interpreted to individual in a different way. In case of turning point, it is especially explainable in tons of cliché different ways. Some of the soldiers may think of the war's turning point whether their side won or lost. Other soldiers can think of their individual turning point that showed up during the war time, such as family relationship, self-esteem, or anything else that is private. Ending can also come to each person in different ways. Whether their team won or lost, individual may or may not be satisfied with the result or the process of their teamwork and individual tasks.

Family relationship is considered very important to most of people because families are always with them and also families have different kind of love toward family members including more dedication and more forgiveness to name a few. Lam Van Lich's story was the best story from "Turning Point" part of this book. He was out of his house for the war for around twenty-nine years starting from the age of fifteen. In other words, he spent about half of his life span away from his family only for the country. This is the best turning point because he participated in the war for his/his family's country and the result of his dedication and sacrifice of his time, energy, and effort ^{was the} death of his family. When people leave for some work, they imagine of the time in the future when they get back to the place where they were. He must have imagined having a great time with his family after the war; however, when he actually came back, his precious people, his motivation for his dedication in the war, and many other things like hope and other things were gone with the death of family members. "When I returned to the South in 1975 I found that many of my own family members had been killed. The pain of those deaths was greater than the sadness I felt for participating in the killing. (Appy 341)" This cannot be the best turning point because one's life is ruined even after all the effort and time.

Ending of the war can also be understood by people differently. Since South Vietnam lost the war, some people may accept the North's victory easily, some other people can never admit the fact that they lost, and some others may think of why they lost and what was going wrong besides admitting their loss. Truong Tran's story was the best example of the "ending" of the war because he thought of the reason why they lost even with the strong soldiers from the U.S. In

addition, he acknowledges their loss⁶ and he mostly thought of the event rationally and logically. "We could either lose or tie, but not win. (Appy 506)" In every game, whether a small game between friends for fun or a big game between countries, it is important for each side to admit the result clearly without being mean. It is ^{pure} easy for one to think that they might have won if somebody did his/her work perfectly, we lost because on his/her imperfect work because people never want to be blamed by others. Rather they blame others for those people's fault and sometimes even their own fault as well. Nevertheless, Truong thought of the reason of being lost and most importantly he admitted that their side, the South Vietnam, might lose or time, but not win. In other words, he acknowledged North's victory.

The war was a ^{pure} hot issue because of political and economical problems, and it can also be a hot issue for certain people in contemporary world. Many thought can come out from people regarding the war, but unchangeable fact about our lives is that our families are very important to each one of us that it can bring a shock to us when we lose them. Moreover, it has to be a condition set up for all the games, whether small or big, that both sides should admit the result, unless the result is wrong, because if they do not, there is not point of having the game, war, or whatever else it may be. Therefore, Lam Van Lich and Truong Tran's story are the best examples of turning point and ending.

In Part 2
the connector
to the "ending"
there became
vague or disconnected
from your explanation of
the story.

Overall good.
Keep working on
grammar for clarity.