

When reading part 1 of the Appy book the story that caught my attention the most was ~~of course one of the off limits~~ one's however my second pick was the story of Ta Quang Thinh, ^{who} he was a trained as a doctors aide in Vietnam. For me personally I find it almost more interesting to hear the stories from people on the other side of the war, giving them human qualities necessary to the understanding of the real Vietnam War rather than the grazed over, watered down version taught in most US history classes, if at all. I can't help but feel a sense of respect for anyone that is willing to provide any kind of health care in those kinds of conditions. It would be a very messy job trying to keep people alive in the middle of the jungle with ^{few} little resources. When you throw in the fact that ^{cliche} this man didn't want war in the first place, ~~it~~ was simply defending his independence, it becomes somewhat sad that he was so brutally injured. It's nearly impossible for someone to speak about a war they experienced in a non-bias point of view. I'm sure Ta Quang Thinh has some very negative views of the war; however, in this segment, ^{he} does not attack the enemy, ~~he~~ he simply talks about how terrible the war was, for everybody. I would defend my independence and country if someone were to invade it so I can see where he's coming from.

When reading through part two of the Appy book I was affected in particular by a specific man and his story. His name is Vo Nguyen Giap and he is considered one of the most important men of the revolutionary generation in Vietnam. Although at the time he was considered an American enemy, when reading his memories of the war I was moved by how dedicated to his nation and the freedom of his people that he was. At one point he talks about why he believes that the Vietnamese won saying, "We won the war because we would rather die than live in slavery". I feel

Glad you read the instructions

too brief lacked analysis

careful here - this would be an example of his bias. What about APV.N?

as though that alone is a very noble reason to defend your country, although all together I still don't quite (and possibly never will) fully understand the Vietnam war from America's point of view I can respect fighting for independence. Vo Nguyen Giap also talked of Ho in a way that made him seem almost honorable. With the realization that hearing a story from such a bias point I still can't help but have a certain amount of respect for the kind of leader that leads with compassion. His followers called him "Uncle Ho" this instantly made me feel as though our enemies may have won the war due to the fact that they were connected to each other in a way that no country invading them were. I think the sense of family goes a long way in leading an army, or any large group of people.

The last story I chose was that of Le Lieu Browne. It wasn't her personally that I disagreed with, simply her accounts of way the Buddhist people were treated. Obviously Le Lieu didn't hold the same views, or at least didn't express them but I chose this story because the practices are something that I am opposed to. Living in a country with religious freedom is something I, and most of the population of the USA seems to take for granted. The "barbequed monk" statement is a good example of the lack of understanding that existed in the press and in the world. Not only at the time of the war but also now. Having just taken a World Religion Studies class I now have a deeper understanding of religions. The Buddhist people throughout history have had to struggle and I was upset to find that in yet another case they were faced with discrimination.

Paper lacked a depth of analysis
& was too brief to answer all
questions well.

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the Vietnam
war

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