

Part 1

The story of war hero Roger Donlon is of great impression. It caught readers' attention at the beginning. Because of his heroic actions in the battle of Nam Dong he became the first commander in ^{the} Vietnam War to receive the Medal of Honor. It revealed his legendary experience and represented wide influence and significant impacts on U.S. history of Vietnam War. So he's a typical war hero in U.S and an influential storyteller of Vietnam War as well. This honor stood for American government's point of view. Next, his firm belief as a soldier with unconditional obedience and absolute loyalty is very impressive. He was a great patriot. His spirit of heroism, being responsible for the call of duty and bearing the risk of his life were extraordinary from American army's perspective. After reading the whole Medal of Honor citation, it can be seen that the experience and spirit of Roger Donlon was spreaded propaganda among the masses. The belief that the mission of the war was to advise and assist the Vietnamese people was widely held by American soldiers at the beginning of the war. Furthermore, the fragment that he tried to rescue his fellows is very moving. The belief that kept him going on was the deep love and respect he felt for his fellows. And that's glittering point of humanity from the war in sharp contrast with its cruelty. The speaker in this story is reliable, trustworthy, and believable in many aspects. After referring to a number of historical materials, the record of the battle of Nam Dong and the description of Roger Donlon ^{are} very detailed from many sides. This part of history is well documented and thus personal memories could be corroborated by the historical materials. It's a fairly good restatement of this clip of history from this point. Roger Donlon experienced at that specific moment in time which could give him more credibility. However, in other cases, as many years have passed after the war, memories about facts during the war could become blurred with time out of human nature even if they were directly involved in war. Besides, memories of war are often painful under extreme conditions and awful to review, possibly resulting in people's inaccurate perception about the war. What's more, people's description about the war could be greatly influenced by their political standpoint, their nationality, identity, belief and so on. Some of these memories suffer too much subjectivity and could be exaggerated, which decreases their credibility. Some people could fake in front of the public for their own war experiences that could be learned from some news. Therefore readers should hold critical attitude toward these narratives.

very good

yes -

- True

So, what about Donlon? and his story?

Strange to end on the doubting credibility part. Put this part BEFORE the Donlon credibility section. ★

Part 2

1. The most disappointing part in part 2 to read is the first part about why and how American became involved in the war step by step and the story that gave an accounts of the effects and great sufferings the war had brought to all people in both countries. As one of the story described the Vietnam War as the most atrocious war in human history, it was the longest foreign war in American history, resulting in incalculable trauma and losses. Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said the Vietnam War was a tragedy and the United States should not get involve in it. Senior Senator George McGovern described it as greatest military, moral, economic and political mistake of US history. The war was obviously conducted by powerful forces. From the first story, readers could see the process of the war and figure out that to start and get involved in the war was not that responsible for American people. They sacrificed lots of lives and soldiers didn't even know what they fought for. Pains and loneliness were full of all their relatives' heart. Needless to say, the biggest victims of the Vietnam War were the Vietnamese people. Americans had a fatal weakness, which was the attitude they hold toward the war. They made wrong policies and rarely considered losses and sufferings it had brought to other countries and people.

2. The positive lessons readers can learn from the stories is about why the Vietnamese could win and what good changes may take place in this land in future. The justice of Vietnamese people's struggle against aggression had a decisive impact on the result of the war. As the story said, rather than live under slavery, they would rather die. The Vietnamese people won also because they knew how to use their intelligence. The Vietnamese army chose the right strategy and tactics as well. Readers could learn from the story that strength of unity of the people was immeasurable and thus they could overcome difficulties. And that is where the hope lies for Vietnamese people's future. The unity could provide the country with creativity and courage in rebuilding their beautiful homes. Another positive lesson readers can get is that both countries should hold a right attitude toward the war and enhance understanding as it mentioned at the end of the story.

Part 2 fails to
answer my questions
as they relate to
the SPECIFIC STORY/STORIES
you've chosen.

Instead to make
generalized statements about
the whole war.

You were supposed to write
on the limited disappointments
found in a single story

- Very Good Part 1
- Part 2 - No