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Part 1

The story that had such a huge impact on me and caught my attention is one from Phan Xuan Sinh titled "All my ancestors are buried here." When I read this story, I felt so sad for the soldiers with Sinh and the civilians who were caught in this war. They had to kill innocent people and lose so much over nothing. I felt about ready to cry when I read the part about the old couple rebuilding their house and refusing to leave because it was all they had in life. It makes me feel so grateful for everything I have. I feel that this story was reliable and trustworthy. Being there in the war gives the more credibility because they have first hand experience and we just get to hear the stories that people tell of what happened. I feel like this story is objective and factual because things like that are things you can not forget your entire life, even if you wanted to. Killing innocent elderly people, men women and children is something you will not forget because it impacts you. You took away the life of someone who was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. Anyone with a heart would feel terrible about it.

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poor analysis here. ★
cliche we humans all have hearts

Part 2

I have to say, the most disappointing story that I read was "My cock lost the fight" by Paul Hare. I really felt like it didn't really bring anything into the stories about the war. It just told of us of what the vietnamese people did in their spare times and what it was like to be an American in Vietnam with a war going on. I also felt disappointed that he ended his story with losing \$500 in a cockfight and being told he is doing good by "rubbing elbows" with the Vietnamese people. I feel that there was no need to send that man into Vietnam for no other reason than to just be there.

I was pleased to read about Paradise Island. I learned that even though there may be a war going on, you can still help the innocent ones. It made me feel happy that even though there was a war going on, there were people trying to help the innocent people caught in the middle. Reading about John Singlaub's story titled "We sent them all back with a generous gift package" made me feel like a little faith in humanity has been restored. Basically the people in Paradise Island, also known as Cu Lao Cham Island, kidnapped people who needed help. They treated people who were malnourished, sick, had diseases and other various things. Once they were healed and treated, they were sent home with a care package with things that they needed most. The packages were confiscated but eventually they were sent with two packages, one to hide and one to have confiscated, that way they were still able to receive the things they needed. I felt there was a little bit of good in the war and that made me feel happy.

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I'm not sure you understood the significance of this story.

No
Re-read my instructions.
This is NOT the disappointment + focus on.
Are you calling Apoy stupid?
for including this story?

Was Phan's story credible? You say "they", implying that everyone who participated is, simply because they were there.