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Turning Points and Ending in the Vietnam War

An example of a turning point came in Clark Dougan's account, "He was only 19 - Did you Know Him?" He talked about how he grew up in a very blue collared area which sent a good size of it's population to the Vietnam War. He talked about how it became routine to hear over the local radio that another kid from his town was killed in the war. He also mentions^{ed} how he read an article from the *Cleveland Press* about Greg Fischer dying, a boy he sat next to in homeroom for three years in high school. He goes on to talk about how Greg was just an average kid that everyone knows and how this article changed the view of how "Middle America" felt about the war. PT

I think Greg was the epitome of "Middle America", the hard backbone of the United States. And when this article was published, it touched a part of this big group of people. Many of these people were World War II vets, or have close relationship^{gna} with them, who used to be big advocates of the Vietnam War. But after awhile they started to realize the difference in the wars

and started wondering if it was worth losing their young.

Clark Dougan said he believes the article about Greg Fischer was the turning point in how "Middle America" viewed the war, I think it added to it but I do not think it was the sole turning point. I think it was a culmination of hearing how many people ^{War} are dying over there, while also hearing about how little was getting accomplished. Originally they were for the war because they are the conservative Americans who fought in World War 2, which accomplished a lot of good. But when they started noticing that the Vietnam War was looking a kind of unnecessary they ^{explain} started changing their viewpoint on the war slowly.

An ending to the war came from Daniel Ellsberg's account, "We're Eating Our Young." Ellsberg worked for a think tank that helped the government with Vietnam. He copied ~~over~~ seven thousand top secret documents that showed the deceitfulness of the government. He then released these, which are the Pentagon Papers, which led to Nixon's Watergate Scandal.

(If Ellsberg didn't do this, people wouldn't have caught ^{- proof ?} Nixon doing anything wrong.) The Watergate Scandal plus the added effects of the Pentagon Papers, made the Vietnam War end earlier. Nixon had the plan of hard bombing Vietnam to push

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them into submission, but with this scandal it put him out of office where he couldn't do that anymore. Also with the truth coming out with the Pentagon Papers, the majority of the people needed this war to end.

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This type of thing is the type of thing that makes history, in his account he talked about how he did this to try to evoke Nixon into doing something wrong. He forgot about his career aspirations and did this for the people that were dying in a war that was based on lies, a very honorable man. This story kind of reminded me of the recent NSA findings, released by Snowden. Both these men were working for similar agencies, and they did it because they hated the deceit that was coming from the government. Yet Snowden's efforts hasn't seemed to stop private information from being viewed like how Ellsberg ended the war. This may because of the fact that Ellsberg's releases were much more of a material offense people because of all the hardships resulting from it.

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the analogy breaks down

*Part 1 better than Part 2
Both lacked citations
or evidence from
history/videos/class
materials to bolster
your claims*