

## The My Lai Massacre

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Throughout the village of My Lai it was a peaceful day until it happened. The first Charlie Company of the US's platoon showed up and killed indiscriminately with nobody trying to resist. The second platoon followed and killed dozens upon dozens, throwing them into an irrigation ditch and firing automatic weapons on them. Then the third platoon came and "cleaned up", burning down huts and buildings, killing those who tried to stop them. The village was nothing but women, children, old men, and babies, but now it was nothing but... nobody. A day had been completely thrown upside down for these villagers, more than 500 of their family and friends had been killed. Only after there was nothing left of their village, did an American chopper save the Vietnamese and threaten their own troops not to kill anymore civilians, or be killed. I believe you should strongly consider writing your next novel on the My Lai Massacre of March 16 1968.

My Lai incident was covered up by high ranked military officers, until the troops started confessing. Sgt. Ron Haeberle took military photos in black and white, but his personal photos were in color. He then showed the gruesome photos of women being harassed and killed in ditches at his local church. Then the active chopper pilot that was involved, Hugh Thompson, reported to the military. That was rejected and he later died of crashing the helicopter. This leaked to the press, but this was also denied and it was called "a resounding success," said the US government. Investigative journalist Seymour Hersh broke the story through talking to the

troops of My Lai. Soon, My Lai was front-page news and an international scandal. This topic is not well known, but by writing about this you could better inform your readers about the incident, after all 500 innocent lives were lost that day.

These leaks and Hersh's writing triggered a chain reaction of confessions. Leading to William Calley's, leader of the first platoon, Court Marshal on March 29th 1972. Even though My Lai took place March 16th 1968. Lots of people backed and supported Calley, saying this happens all the time, war will be war. While others opposed calling him a scapegoat, and hating him. This would be a chance for your readers to have their own opinions, further interesting them.

In conclusion, the My Lai massacre is a truly vivid event, making this a good reading, writing, and learning experience. This event will hook not only your readers, but also you. The My Lai massacre would be a great topic for the next "I survived" book

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