**Jarad Accardi**

**Geneva Convention:**

* **covers all individuals who:**
  + do not belong to the armed forces
  + take no part in the hostilities
* **Protected Civilians must be:**
  + allowed to practice their religion
  + entitled to respect for their honours, family rights, religious practices, manners & cultures
  + treated humanely
* **Protected Civilians Must Not Be:**
  + discriminated against due to race, political opinion, or religion
  + used to shield military operations
  + make an area immune from military operations

**Mai Lai:**

**First 3:**

* took place March 16, 1968
* composed of the men of the Charlie Company, Americal Division, and 11th Brigade
* The men entered with a mission to search and destroy the community of My Lai, killing their people
* **Posed For Conflict**
  + My Lai was located in the South Vietnamese district of Son My
  + American soldiers of the Charlie company were killed there in prior weeks
* **Massacre**
  + Search and Destroy mission turned to 300 people dying including children, women, and elderly
  + **Eyewitness reports included:**
  + Bayoneted old men
  + Praying women and children were shot in back of head, leading them to the deaths

**Call For Investigation:**

* The American public did not know about the events of My Lai until November of 1969
* The military investigation resulted in Calley's being charged with murder in September 1969- two months before Hersh’s story was released to the public
* Vietnam veteran Ron Ridenhour, learned of the events of My Lai from members of Charlie Company

**Questions About Soldiers Conduct:**

* People became very worried about what American soldiers were doing in Vietnam
* this was the result once they had heard about the My Lai Massacre
* Many people who weren’t ready for taking on the position of an official in the military became one after others had died

**Orders from above:**

* Calley was an unemployed college dropout, who was sentenced to life in prison
* he was released in 1974 after going to many other appeals.
* Calley graduated from Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1967