**Quarter 2 Book Reflection**

**Book Title:** *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War*

**Autho**r: Steve Sheinkin

**Genre**: Nonfiction, US History

**Number of Pages**: 384

**Approximates Dates Read**: October 1-8

**Reading Level:** Ages 10-14

**My Rating** (scale of 1-10, 10 being the best): 9

**Main Characters**:

Daniel Ellsberg—an idealistic government worker who disagrees with the Vietnam War

**Setting (Time and Place):**

Washington DC, California, Vietnam—1940s to 1970s.

**3-8 Sentence Book Summary**:

Before the Vietnam War, people in the US tended to trust the US government. We no longer do, but it is because of the events recounted in this book that we no longer trust the government. This book painstakingly and truthfully tells the story of Daniel Ellsberg, a government worker who photocopied all of the documents that proved the US government’s history of corruption and doubt in the Vietnam War. The book is a little about Daniel Ellsberg’s life, but it’s mostly about how he copied these documents (The Pentagon Papers) and the government’s pursuit of Ellsberg after he made The Pentagon Papers public. This might sound boring, but it’s a pretty thrilling story and a very quick read. The publisher rates this as a book for intermediate grades (5-8), but I loved it, and my 75-year-old father loved it, too.

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